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Activists says there's an increasing and unregulated number of wolf kills in Alberta due to private bounties

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March to the Penguins

So long, Jarome.

Flames send longtime captain to Pittsburgh ahead of trade deadline, as struggling team looks to rebuild

The Calgary Flames have traded away the face of the franchise.

Calgary sent captain Jarome Iginla to the Pittsburgh Penguins ahead of the impending trade deadline.

In return, the Flames acquired forwards Kenneth Agostino and Ben Hanowski, as well as the Penguins' first-round pick in the 2013 draft.

The move signals the start of a rebuild for Calgary, which is on the verge of missing the playoffs for the fourth straight season.

Iginla has spent all 16 NHL seasons of his career

with Calgary, scoring 525 goals and 570 assists in 1,219 games.

The 35-year-old is in the final year of his contract and has nine goals and 13 assists in 31 games this season.

Agostino, 20, was selected by Pittsburgh in the fifth round of the 2010 draft. The six-foot-one, 200-pounder is in his junior year at Yale University.

He led the Bulldogs in scoring with 15 goals and 22 assists in 33 Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference games this season.

Hanowski meanwhile just finished his senior season at St. Cloud State. The 22-year-old Huskies captain had 16 goals and 13 assists in 34 games this season in the Western Collegiate Hockey Association.

At 6-2, 210 pounds, Hanowski was drafted in the third round by Pittsburgh in 2009.

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Bruins rumours unfounded

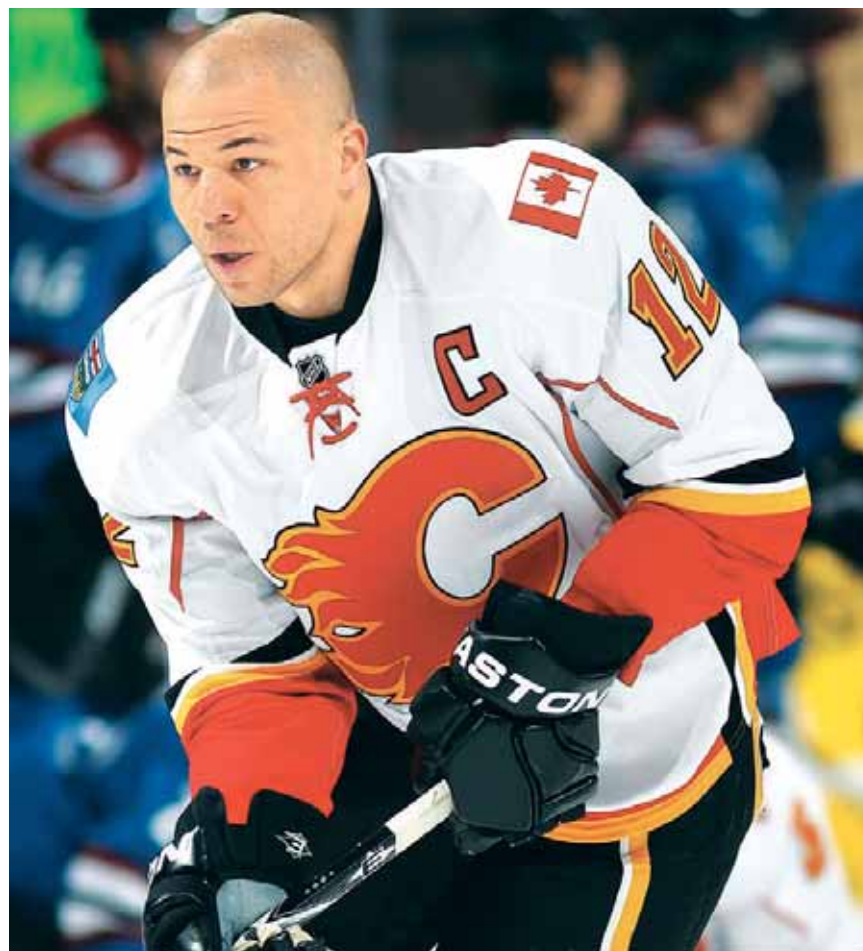
GM comments

In a press conference Wednesday night, Flames GM Jay Feaster said the Flames' new NCAA prospects aren't unfamiliar to the organization. "One of the things we had during the work stoppage was scouts watching college games," he said.

Some media outlets had all but dealt Iginla to the Boston Bruins, but Feaster called the rumours "unfortunate."

The deal came during the Flames' game against the Colorado Avalanche, a game they eventually won.

"It all came together during the game tonight. It seems I have a penchant for making deals during games," said Feaster.

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Jarome Iginla warms up prior to facing the Colorado Avalanche at Pepsi Center on March 20 in Denver, Colo. The Calgary Flames have sent their captain to the Pittsburgh Penguins ahead of the impending trade deadline. For the latest coverage on the trade, go to metronews.ca. DOUG PENSINGER/GETTY IMAGES

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'Hero.' Senior died getting help for others

Lorraine Berreth huddled with her friend in the cold SUV, stuck in the snow on a mountain road in southern Alberta, praying she would soon see some headlights, emergency lights — anything in the dark. She hoped her friend's 71-year-old husband, Franklin Kuehn, had found help after setting out on foot hours earlier.

"That's all I could think of — yellow flashing lights," Berreth said Wednesday, choking back tears. "I thought Franklin would be hanging on the road grader or something, you know, all smiles and 'I'm back. We're going to be OK.'"

But by the time the sun came up, Berreth, 66, and Lynn Kuehn, 69, realized he must have died somewhere out in the wilderness and no one was coming to the rescue.

RCMP confirmed they found the man's body Monday morning on the side of a road accessible only by snowmobile, in the Crowsnest Pass area just east of the boundary with British Columbia.

It appears he had trudged about 15 kilometres through heavy snow, then curled up and fell asleep. Mounties believe he died of hypothermia.

Berreth, back in her rural home near the tiny community of Granum, Alta., talked about how the afternoon drive out with friends turned deadly, and how she'll always consider Franklin Kuehn a hero.

She said police told her they picked up a signal on Kuehn's cellphone that helped them find his body and later locate the two women. She might not have survived had it not been for the man, she said. "He left to save us." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Crime. 'I thought it was dead,' says mother who threw out baby

A Calgary mother facing accusations that she put her newborn baby in a garbage bag and tossed him into a trash bin tearfully told police she delivered the child into a toilet and thought the tiny boy was dead.

Meredith Borowiec, 31, made the comments to Calgary police during an interview taped in October 2010, after the baby was rescued from the dumpster by passersby.

Borowiec is on trial on two counts of second-degree murder for the deaths of two other newborns in 2008 and 2009.

Those charges weren't laid until after a child was found alive in the dumpster in 2010.

She faces a second trial this fall on an attempted murder charge relating to the surviving child. But the Crown wants the baby found in the trash ruled as similar-fact evidence so it can be used in the murder trial, which is being heard by a judge without a jury.

"I thought it was dead," said Borowiec in the taped interview. "He wasn't moving. He wasn't making any noise."

Borowiec sobbed as she told police she didn't know

she was pregnant before she gave birth. She said she woke up with severe cramps and as they intensified she went to the bathroom and stood on the toilet.

"He came out. I cut the cord," she said. "I started crying and freaking out."

Borowiec told investigators she took the newborn out of the bowl and placed it on a towel. She then put the infant into the bathroom garbage bag. She placed that bag into a kitchen garbage bag and dropped everything into the dumpster. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Meredith Borowiec
THE CANADIAN PRESS

Private bounties driving large wolf kills: Activists

Bounties. Alberta Wilderness Association says 'harvest incentives' encouraging killings

Conservationists are warning that privately funded bounties for killing wolves are shifting control over Alberta's wildlife management to special interest groups.

The Alberta Wilderness Association has compiled data showing that "harvest incentives" offered by northern municipal districts and hunting and trapping groups are encouraging an increasing and unregulated number of wolf kills.

The Alberta government says the province has plenty of wolves and doesn't believe the private bounties are a concern.

Carolyn Campbell of the wilderness association says the bounties — which can be three

Wolves killed since 2010

524

The bounties range between \$15 and \$300 per wolf. Figures compiled by the wilderness association suggest at least 524 wolves have been killed since 2010, although the group hasn't been able to get numbers from all districts. At least \$166,000 has been paid in bounties.

times the value of a wolf pelt — are an ineffective response to the predators and represent an old-fashioned and unethical approach to wildlife.

"Albertans want a more responsible, modern relationship with wildlife that recognizes that wolves have a value and shouldn't just be shot on sight," she said Wednesday. "It's just unethical, as well as it doesn't address the problem of live-stock predation."

Starting in about 2010, several municipal districts in Alberta began offering boun-



An Alberta wildlife conservation groups says "harvest incentives" for wolves are responsible for an increase in the unregulated number of wolf kills.
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ties for wolf carcasses killed on private land.

In addition, two branches of the Alberta Fish and Game Association and some branches of the Alberta Trappers Associa-

tion offer a \$300 bounty.

"Wolf predation on farm animals and wild animals is increasing at a high rate," said fish and game president Gordon Poirier. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Cougar Ridge resident Ivonne Plankey said she'll closely follow council's upcoming decision on green carts after taking part in the year-long pilot program. KATIE TURNER/METRO

Green-cart pilot project diverts 40 per cent of waste

Wrap-up. In the last year, four communities have collected 1.9 million kilograms of organic waste



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On collection day, green carts line the streets in four Calgary communities, and given the results of a year-long pilot program, many are hopeful there will be more carts to come.

The month of March marks

the end of the pilot, and city council will now dissect the results of the program and evaluate how to move forward.

A city report, expected to be made public Thursday, but obtained by Metro, shows garbage in the communities of Brentwood, Cougar Ridge, Southwood, and Abbeydale was reduced by 40 per cent compared to non-pilot communities.

The report also outlines a December poll that shows 89 per cent of participants were satisfied, and 91 per cent support a city-wide program.

Cougar Ridge resident Ivonne Plankey is one of the homeowners throwing her support

behind the program, saying her family of four has become so used to relying on their cart.

"I'm really crossing my fingers that this goes ahead," she said. "Just the other day, my son was saying, 'I don't know how we're going to manage if they cancel this program.'"

Plankey estimates they've cut down their household waste by about half in the last year, average about one bag of garbage in their black cart every two weeks.

Ald. Brian Pincott said he's heard positive feedback from his constituents in Southwood, as well, and also from his council colleagues.

"There is broad support on council recognizing that we need to do this," he said. "No one asked if we should do it or no ... all of the questions were around how do we do it or the best way to do it."

Dave Griffiths, director of waste and recycling services for the City of Calgary, said the carts will remain in pilot communities for the foreseeable future. "That's the piece that is very critical to us, in that you have to have that facility before you can go further than we are right now because of the sheer volume of material," he said.

City council will evaluate the results on April 3, discuss

Green facts

- **An estimate.** The city estimates food and yard waste makes up nearly 60 per cent of residential waste in Calgary.
- **The cost.** In January, city council received a report, which estimated the cost of a composting facility at \$50 million.

construction of a new composting facility on April 15, and finally vote on instituting a city-wide program in May.

By the numbers

2016

The soonest a city-wide green cart program could be introduced would be 2016, as a new composting facility will have to be built.

7,500

A total of 7,500 residences in the four Calgary communities received a green cart. Participation in the pilot was voluntary.

80/20

The City of Calgary has a goal to divert 80 per cent of household waste from the landfill by 2020.

54

According to a city report, those in the pilot communities were able to divert 54 per cent of their total waste through blue and green carts, compared to 23 per cent in non-pilot communities

120

Each green cart is 120 litres, which is half the size of the black and blue carts used by the city to collect garbage and recycling.

78

The city says a survey conducted in December showed that 78 per cent of pilot participants did not have concerns with having three carts.

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Garbage collection in the pilot communities switched to collection every two weeks, rather than once a week.

93

A survey showed that 93 per cent of pilot participants were able to contain their garbage in the black cart on a bi-monthly collection schedule.

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New facility expected to save severely injured patients' lives



Dr. Andrew Kirkpatrick explains what the new Interventional Trauma Operating Room will allow physicians to do that they previously couldn't.
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Unique facility. The Interventional Trauma Operating Room, or ITOR, at Foothills Hospital is described as the first of its kind in North America



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Calgary's Foothills Medical Centre is now home to one of two hybrid operating suites specifically designed to treat cases of extreme trauma.

"We don't think about it, but trauma is the leading cause of death from ages two to 40 in the Western world," said Dr. Andrew Kirkpatrick,

medical director of trauma services with Alberta Health Services

"Trauma takes young lives — lives just starting careers, lives just beginning to have families," he added.

The province invested \$3 million in the \$6-million facility, with the other half coming from the Calgary Health Trust's Foothills Hospital Home Lottery, a private donation from David and Annie Freeze, and other fundraisers.

"Innovative health care is a priority for our government," Health Minister Fred Horne said. "The world's only other hybrid operating room like this is in Sydney, Australia."

The high-tech facility will allow doctors to deliver a wide range of emergency care to severely injured patients more quickly, said

Details

- The specialized room occupies roughly 1,600 square feet, more than twice the size of a traditional operating room.
- The suite contains all of the typical tools of an operating room, as well as X-ray machines, CT scanners, and ultrasound and other diagnostic imaging tools.
- The Foothills Medical Centre has the busiest trauma centre in all of Canada, according to AHS.

every year require life-saving trauma services," she said. "This unique suite is equipped to treat those patients with the most severe trauma injuries."

Kirkpatrick said the room will allow physicians to focus on caring for patients rather than having to choose which part of the hospital to send them to first for the most urgent treatment.

"This hopefully ends the previously agonizing decision that surgeons previously had to make about where to go, with only one chance to get it right," he said.

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Dr. Mark Yarema, a Calgary emergency-room physician and director for the Poison and Drug Information Service, said the drug bath salts has been seen locally but not in great amounts. DEREK QUAN/FOR METRO

Calgary man high on bath salts thought his 'parents were aliens'

Confirmed tests. Local incidents involving dangerous drug remain rare, says poison expert



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Health officials did confirm in the fall that at least two Calgary patients exhibiting bizarre behaviour had ingested the drug bath salts.

There had been speculation from police last June that a naked man found repeatedly ramming his face into a barbed-wire fence in the community of Dover may have ingested the substance; however, urine testing to confirm that claim was only done months later, said Dr. Mark Yarema, an

emergency-room physician and medical director for the Poison and Drug Information Service.

The testing was done after a separate incident in November where a patient came into hospital with severe hallucinations.

"He actually thought his parents were aliens," Yarema said in a recent interview with Metro.

"It just goes to show the effect this drug can have."

Bath salts has been linked to even more dangerous circumstances in other cities.

It appears, however, a gruesome incident in Florida that triggered widespread attention on the drug after a man believed to be under the influence chewed off a portion of another man's face last June may not have involved the substance at all.

Nevertheless, the Canadian federal government moved in September to ban the compound MDPV, the chief ingredient in bath salts — a move welcomed by Calgary's police Chief Rick Hanson.

"Too many people were out there selling it," he said at the time.

"They were bringing it into the country.... It's an awful drug."

Yarema was quick to point out even suspected bath salts cases have been sparse locally and more common overdoses have typically come as a result of meth, ecstasy and other drugs.

"I think the government stepping in really did help," he said.

"Certainly, this drug can be quite dangerous."

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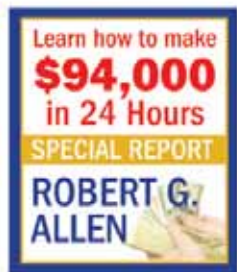
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'Phantom Pooper' leaves his mark on SAIT

Foul play. Campus security cracking down on dirty criminal

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Campus security has rolled up their sleeves to deduce who's behind a series of smelly situations at SAIT.

Security and students have been left bewildered upon

hearing that an unknown individual, known as the "Phantom Pooper" has been defecating on SAIT campus bathroom floors for nearly a year.

"They've been sporadic over the last 10 months," said Barry Cochran, manager of security and emergency services at SAIT. "There's maybe more than we're aware of because the cleaning staff here just clean the mess up and don't report it."

"It's been across campus."

The caca caper has students

Extracurricular

"I think he's just reaching out for attention."

SAIT student Carlo Iannuzzi

puzzled.

"I think he's just reaching out for attention," said student Carlo Iannuzzi, "What an odd thing to do to make your mark."

Metro has learned from an unnamed janitor supervisor at

SAIT that all of the incidents have occurred in the men's washroom, where feces were found in the middle of the floor and around the toilet stalls, and that it has been happening for the past 10 months.

"We have to report it to security so they can trace who's doing this," the janitor said.

It could just be a student, he added.

"It comes down to what the motive is and it's something that we don't want happening here," Cochran said.



Several washrooms at SAIT, such as the third floor H wing washroom, have been the site of the bizarre incidents. DEREK QUAN/FOR METRO

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Alberta Health Services to pay executive bonuses

Alberta Health Services says it will pay its executives bonuses this year because they've already done the work.

The day-to-day health provider says the bonuses are part of the agreed-to contract for senior officials.

Board chairman Stephen Lockwood says it would be unreasonable to change

Trimming down

\$35M

AHS plans to cut admin expenses by 10%, or \$35 million, in the next three years.

compensation for executives when the fiscal year is almost

over.

The board says it is still committed to eliminating the performance pay starting April 1, which is the beginning of the new fiscal year.

But the provider has come under pressure from the government and the official Opposition to cut the bonuses now. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Suncor oilsands plant

Groups want more details about spill

Eleven groups have banded together to send a letter to the Alberta government about their concerns over a waste-water spill at a Suncor oilsands plant. The groups — representing the environment, First Nations and landowner associations — are demanding more information about the leak.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Taste test. Canadians keen on 'classy casual'

When dining out, do "classy casual" establishments such as The Keg, Milestones, or Earls most often tickle your taste buds, or is yours a more refined palate, suited to fine dining? Play Taxi Media, the Canadian-based touchscreen media company that reaches a national audience of social and active taxicab passengers, surveyed approximately 8,000 riders last

fall to investigate.

Play Taxi discovered that Canadian taxi riders eat out — a lot — with more than 60 per cent choosing to do so at least every other week, and more than 35 per cent doing so multiple times per week. Over one-third of riders choose to frequently spend their time and money at "classy casual" restaurants. **PLAY TAXI MEDIA**



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Voyageur oilsands upgrader cancelled

Suncor Energy.
Company acquired full control over the assets for \$515 million

Suncor Energy announced Wednesday it was not going ahead with its troubled Voyageur oilsands upgrader project.

Suncor chief executive Steve

Williams said market conditions have changed significantly, challenging the economics of the project.

"That's why we undertook a thorough review of the project to determine whether it met our criteria for long-term, profitable growth," Williams said in a statement.

"This decision is in line with our commitment to capital discipline and our stated plan

to allocate capital with priority given to developing higher-return growth projects and accelerating the return of cash to shareholders through dividends and share buybacks."

The Voyageur upgrader was part of a joint venture Suncor inked with Total E&P Canada Ltd. just over two years ago.

Suncor said Wednesday it has acquired the French company's interest in the upgrader

for \$515 million to gain full control over the partnerships assets.

"Among other things, we will now be able to exclusively utilize the partnership assets to continue driving value from our base business and to support our profitable oilsands growth," Williams said.

A flood of light oil from places like North Dakota has changed the market in recent

years and tilted the field against the massive multibillion-dollar upgrader project, which would have transformed heavy crude into a similar product.

Suncor took a \$1.49-billion writedown on Voyageur in the fourth quarter of 2012.

The company said it will take a charge to its first-quarter net income and cash flow from operations of approximately \$140 million and \$180 million

respectively as a result of the decision.

Suncor is one of the largest operators in the oilsands, with huge mining operations north of Fort McMurray, a 12 per cent interest in the Syncrude Canada Ltd. mine, a 41 per cent stake in the yet-to-be-developed Fort Hills mine and steam-driven operations at Firebag and Mackay River.

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The Suncor mine facility along the Athabasca river in July 2012.
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Education. Newly elected president of the ATA is hopeful for some stability

A vice-principal at Edmonton's Hardisty School has been elected as the next president of the Alberta Teachers' Association.

Mark Ramsankar, who will succeed Carol Henderson as ATA president this summer, said the role comes with a lot of responsibility.

"I'd like to see us continue to rebuild some of the relationships with government and with boards," Ramsankar said. "We're all in education together."

Ramsankar was elected at a time when teachers have been in the spotlight, thanks to ongoing negotiations with the government.

"I'm hopeful that stability will take place," he said.

The teacher and school administrator, who has held previous positions with the ATA, the Edmonton Public Teachers Local No. 37 and the Canadian Teachers Federation, said in his new role he wants to maintain Alberta's



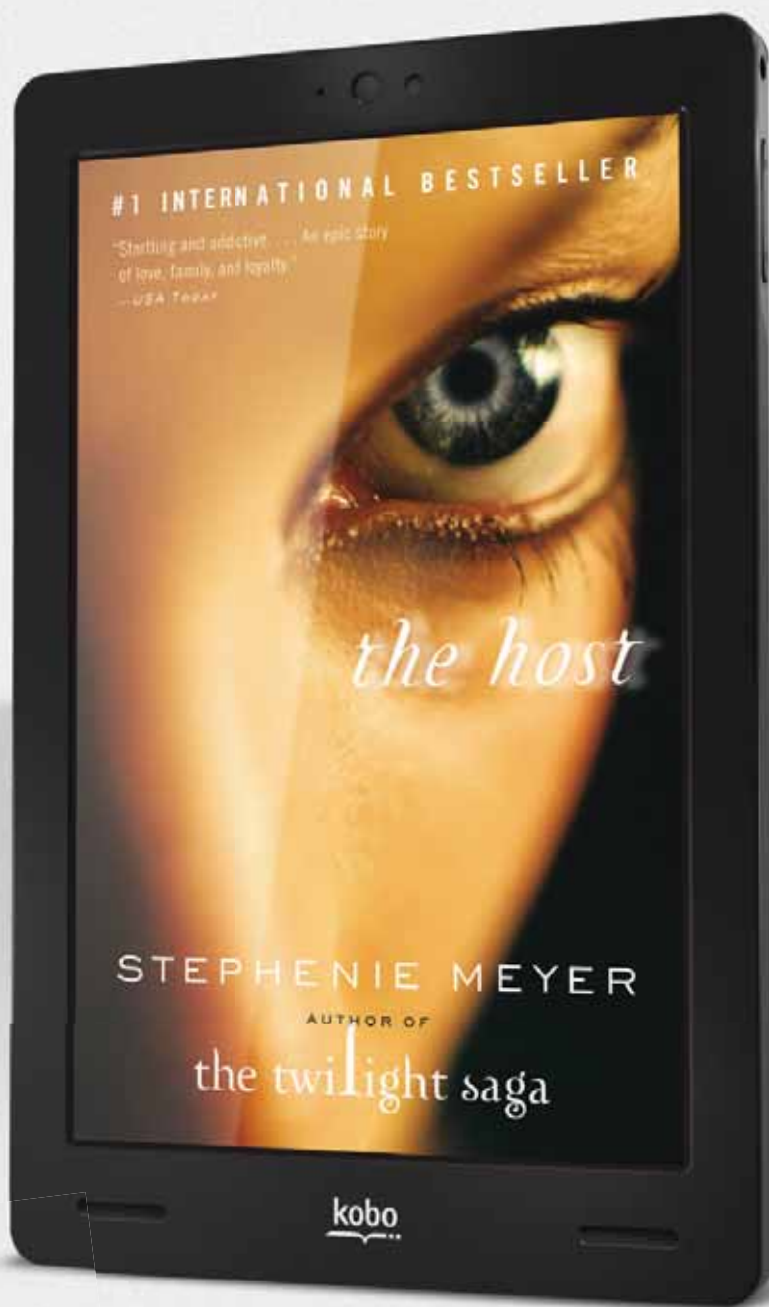
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status as one of the best education systems in the world.

He listed working conditions in classrooms, including class sizes and teacher workload, as issues facing today's teachers.

"I don't like to see my colleagues when they're as fatigued as they are and continually doing the work that they do," he said.

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Art centre caters to those with disabilities



Jade Powers said she was inspired to create a unique space in Calgary after working with people with disabilities for several years. KATIE TURNER/METRO

Mandala Art Centre. New space opened earlier this month



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One Calgary woman is fulfilling her dreams through a unique space she's created for people with disabilities.

Jade Powers quit her job nearly a year ago to open the Mandala Art Centre — a space for people of all ages and abilities to take part in art, ranging from drawing and painting to dance and yoga.

After working with people with disabilities for 12 years as a behaviour specialist, Powers said she noticed the city was missing a space that catered to people of all ages, from young kids to adults.

"We're just trying to open it up to the community and provide some sort of creative outlet," she said. "Having a one-stop place where you're able to come and have anything to do with the arts is really my dream."

Since opening the doors to the centre just over a week ago, Powers said she's already had interest from several families.

Mother Heather Daly moved from New Jersey last year and

said she's found limited access to support in Calgary.

Daly has already taken her nine-year-old son J.J., who she said is on the autism spectrum, to three classes.

"Let's put it this way: When I say it's time for art class, he gets dressed and he doesn't flop to the floor, so I'm assuming he likes it," said Daly.

For more on the Mandala Art Centre, or to register, visit mandalaartcentre.com.

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Well, hello, Easter brolly

Metro Alberta managing editor Darren Krause holds up the, um, beautifully decorated umbrella created by the Metro team Wednesday at an event hosted by Canada Safeway and Easter Seals. The event pits local media against one another to decorate the best Easter-themed umbrella in support of people with disabilities. KATIE TURNER/METRO

Calgary Flames

Fans urged to volunteer as DDs

The Calgary Flames have partnered with Budweiser to launch a designated driver program at the Scotiabank Saddledome on Wednesday.

Budweiser Good Sport has encouraged fans to volunteer as designated drivers to and from the arena for every Flame's home game.

Drivers signed a pledge promising they will refrain from drinking and to provide a safe ride for their friends, and in return were awarded a free soft drink coupon and will be entered for a chance to win a Good Sport gift package. **METRO**

Palliser schools

Teacher deal receives support

Verdicts on a tentative deal for Alberta teachers continue to come and, for the first time, the proposal has received support from both a school board and instructor bargainers in the same district. The Palliser Regional Schools board of trustees voted to support the deal late Tuesday.

At least six school boards in the province, including the Calgary Board of Education, have expressed opposition to the contract. The Palliser Schools region stretches from south of Lethbridge to the Bow River. **METRO**

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Genome decoded. Battle against voracious pine beetle goes microscopic

The days of the mountain pine beetle gnawing, unchecked, through the forests of B.C. and north-central Alberta could be numbered thanks to a microscopic breakthrough.

Scientists at the University of British Columbia and the Michael Smith Genome Sciences Centre have decoded the genome of the voracious pest, permitting the first crystal clear look at how the little beetle wreaks such tremendous havoc.

The mountain pine beetle alone has caused massive

Variety

- The genome reveals extreme variations among individuals of the species — more than four times as many differences as those found among humans.

destruction to more than 18 million hectares of lodgepole pine in B.C. — an area more than five times larger than that of Vancouver Island.

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Pawty time

Calgary Zoo to celebrate cubs' first birthday

There's a big birthday party this weekend, but rabbits aren't invited.

The Calgary Zoo will celebrate the first birthday of

Kira, Samkha and Vasili, their three Amur tiger cubs, this Saturday.

Zoo patrons will be able to see the tiger cubs get their own special present marking the occasion, just before noon Saturday.

The three cubs represent one per cent of the remaining Amur tigers population left.

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Outdoor opera festival to debut this summer

Tourism. Calgary Hotel Association expects the festival to grow into a major draw for visitors



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Opera-singing pirates will descend on Calgary's East Village this summer for a new festival, billed as the only one of its kind in the country.

"Although there are wonderful summer opera festivals all around North America and throughout the world, there is not one outdoor summer opera festival in Canada —

Tickets

5,400

The number of tickets that will be sold for the six performances. Ticket prices range from \$35 to \$100.

until now," Calgary Opera CEO Bob McPhee said Wednesday at the launch of Opera in The Village, an annual event set to have its inaugural run Aug. 22 to 25, with six performances of Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Pirates of Penzance*.

"Over a period of time we see the festival growing into a two-week affair that will attract visitors to Calgary," McPhee said.

The shows will take place in a 15,000-square-foot outdoor venue along the banks of the Bow River in East Village's Riverwalk Plaza.

"It's designed to showcase the newly minted public realm of the East Village," said Susan Veres, vice-president of marketing for the Calgary Municipal Land Corporation, the city-owned body in charge of the area's redevelopment. "Where better a spot to debut the new face of opera?"

Tickets for the festival go on sale Monday, April 22. For more information visit: calgaryopera.com/arghh.



Clarence Frazer offers a small taste of *The Pirates of Penzance* during a launch event for Opera in The Village, a new outdoor festival set to debut in Calgary this summer. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

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Happy Easter! Metro takes a look at five Easter traditions and why we do them.

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Easter bunny

The bunny goes back a long time, my friends, about 325 years back. It was first mentioned by an author named Georg Franck von Frankenau, where an Easter hare brought Easter eggs.

3



Easter-egg hunt

Eggs were thought to be symbols of fertility, and because that lovely Easter hare brought eggs, children hunted for them in the grass. Christians considered eggs to be a symbol of life, and therefore the symbol of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Now, for many, it's a celebration of the renewal of spring.

Hot-cross buns

As delicious as it is to eat chocolate all the time, Easter is usually resplendent with fantastic food — like hot-cross buns, which are traditionally eaten on Good Friday. The sweet buns are representative of the Crucifixion.



Easter chocolate

So why are the eggs we hunt for made of chocolate? Enter Cadbury, who introduced a chocolate version in 1873.



Easter eggs (pysanka)

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Iconic rodent. Some complain Wiarton Willie was wrong this year

The central Ontario town best known as the home of Wiarton Willie is coming to the defence of its furry forecaster.

The Town of South Bruce Peninsula, which includes the community of Wiarton, has issued a statement saying Willie is "still a valued prognosticator" despite grumblings about his accuracy.

The famous rodent did not see his shadow on Groundhog Day, indicating it would be an early spring, but some in his hometown beg to differ.

Early spring?

Willie's American counterpart Punxsutawney Phil came under fire this week when a lawyer threatened to take him to court over his inaccurate forecast.

Mayor John Close says the weather has been normal, but expectations are high following last year's balmy March. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Mayor John Close of Wiarton listens to Willie in February. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Supreme Court sets rules on text-message interception

Privacy rights.

Special wiretap orders needed before police can intercept texts, not ordinary search warrants

Police need special wiretap orders — not just ordinary search warrants — to intercept cellphone text messages as part of criminal investigations, the Supreme Court of Canada ruled Wednesday.

In a 5-2 split decision, the court sided with wireless car-

Ruling

"We see it as a robust vindication of privacy rights in the digital age."

Abby Desman of The Canadian Civil Liberties Association



The Supreme Court says texting should receive the same protection as private communications. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

rier Telus by agreeing that text messaging is essentially another form of conversation and should receive the same protection to which private communications are entitled under the Criminal Code.

"Text messaging is, in essence, an electronic conver-

sation," Justice Rosalie Abella wrote for the majority of the court.

"Technical differences inherent in new technology should not determine the scope of protection afforded to private communications.

"The only practical differ-

ence between text messaging and traditional voice communications is the transmission process. This distinction should not take text messages outside the protection to which private communications are entitled," Justice Abella wrote. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Liberal race. Harper, Mulcair pandering to 'fringes': Trudeau

With the finish line in sight, Justin Trudeau took his Liberal leadership bid to the financial heartland on Wednesday, accusing both Prime Minister Stephen Harper and NDP Leader Tom Mulcair of pandering to political extremism.

"We have two parties that are ideologically based around the fringes," Trudeau said. "Where the Liberal party needs to be focused on is the actual large mass of Canadians ... who are not



Justin Trudeau
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driven by a specific polarizing issue."

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Robocalls

Report calls for harsher punishments

Elections Canada is seeking greater powers to punish anyone caught impersonating one of its officials in the wake of the robocalls affair.

The agency released a report on Wednesday into false or misleading calls made during the last federal election.

The report urges the government to create a new offence that includes hefty fines and jail time for anyone caught pretending to be an Elections Canada official.

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Muzzling complaints spark debate among Tory MPs



Conservative MP Mark Warawa gets set to appear before the Commons house affairs committee on Wednesday in Ottawa. FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Freedom of speech. Concerns PM's desire to keep abortion issue closed is trumping freedom of debate

Conservative MPs are grappling with the issue of party control and freedom of speech in Parliament after a handful of their colleagues complained they're being muzzled.

The subject was discussed at the weekly caucus meeting, but there appeared to be no resolution.

Vancouver-area MP Mark Warawa has complained to

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"A member should be able to make a statement on any issue."

Kyle Seeback, Conservative MP

the Speaker of the House of Commons that his right to make statements on a subject of his choice before question period has been stifled.

Some MPs sided with Warawa, while others suggested he was offside.

"A member should be able to make a statement on any issue they think is important to themselves or their constituencies," said Tory MP Kyle Seeback. "Mr. Warawa's (member's statement) should not have been taken away."

Alberta Tory MP Leon Benoit, who had originally backed Warawa's complaint before the speaker, suggested that some measure of peace had been achieved at the weekly meeting.

"We had a really good caucus meeting, and the prime minister's as usual shown good leadership and I appreciate that," Benoit said. "He's a great leader. It was a good discussion."

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Internet spam fighter zapped by massive online attack

An Internet watchdog group responsible for keeping ads for counterfeit Viagra and bogus weight-loss pills out of inboxes around the world has been hit by a huge cyber-attack, a crushing electronic onslaught that one expert said has already had ripple effects across the web.

Spam-fighting organization Spamhaus said Wednesday that it had been buffeted by a massive denial-of-service attack since mid-March, apparently from groups angry at being blacklisted by the Geneva-based group.

"It is a small miracle that we're still online," said Spam-

haus researcher Vincent Hanna.

Denial-of-service attacks work by overwhelming target servers with traffic.

The attack could be bad news for email users, many of whose incoming messages are checked against Spamhaus's widely used and con-

stantly updated blacklists.

Hanna said that his site had so far managed to stay on top of the spammers, but warned that being knocked offline could give them an opening. The sheer size of the attack has already affected Internet users elsewhere.

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Marketing research shows web surfers actually read very little on a page as their eyes dart around their search for something specific. There are lessons in this info for web designers. SCOTT BARBOUR/GETTY IMAGES

Research tracks quick hits of users

Research. Users focus on the first few search results down the page and only about a third of the way horizontally

Front-end your web prose

"At the beginning of a headline, or a heading, or paragraph, people are seeing at most 12 to 15 characters," said Ian Everdell of Mediative.

- That means that the content of the writing has to be front-ended to catch attention, he said.

Ian Everdell knows exactly where people's eyes generally go when browsing a web page, and how women act a little differently than men when it comes to reading online.

If you can even call it reading.

Everdell has it on good authority that Internet users typically aren't really reading at all on most web pages. Their eyes impatiently dart across the screen in search of something specific, or something interesting to pique their attention, but there's not much actual reading going on.

He knows because of the eye-tracking technology at the Toronto office of the marketing company Mediative, where web users sit down to do a little surfing and have their flits of vision recorded and studied.

Web designers can then see what viewers are looking at and what they're not.

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BlackBerry

U.S. sales test of comeback hopes

Investors will get a first glimpse Thursday of sales data for BlackBerry's new Z10 touchscreen smartphone.

The Waterloo-based company is to report financial results for fiscal 2013 and for the fourth quarter ended March 2 before markets open, with options trades betting that the release will drive the company's stock higher.

BlackBerry's report will

capture nearly a month of sales from the Z10, a sleek, multi-tasking handset running on a rebuilt BB10 operating platform that launched first in the U.K. on Jan. 31.

It will include no sales from the U.S., where the platform debuted last Friday.

While most analysts see the numbers from the U.S., BlackBerry's largest single market, as the test of its comeback hopes, some say early data could give the volatile stock a short-term boost.

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1.4M viewers. Student's anti-rape video packs a surprise in the punchline

Nineteen-year-old Samantha Stendal's anti-rape video was simple, short and sweet.

And her message has captured 1.4 million viewers in just five days.

Stendal, a second-year University of Oregon film major, decided to make the video titled *A Needed Response* because of the coverage of the Steubenville, Ohio, rape trial.

In Stendal's 26-second video, a woman is passed out on a couch and a guy in front of her leers at the camera, "Guess what I'm gonna do to her?"

The result is not what you'd expect:

The guy fetches a pillow, a blanket and a glass of water and then says, "Real men treat women with respect."

Stendal, events co-ordin-

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"Guess what I'm gonna do to her?"

Leering guy in *A Needed Response* video as he looks at a woman passed out on a couch. But then he springs a surprise by bringing her a pillow and a blanket.

ator of the University Film Organization, said she made her first YouTube video because she was upset that one of the first questions about that rape case has been "what the victim could have done differently."

Two Steubenville High School football players were convicted on March 17 of raping a 16-year-old girl who was passed out at a party.

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Safe Sites

Free condoms rile university

A Massachusetts university is threatening disciplinary action against students who distribute condoms out of their dorm rooms.

Boston College is demanding an end to student-run Safe Sites, a network of dorm rooms where free contraceptives are available.

The university says the distribution of condoms is a violation of the facility's Roman Catholic values.

An American Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts lawyer says Boston College may be violating student rights.

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Health

Probe pinpoints new cancer risks

A huge international operation has uncovered dozens of new DNA signposts that can reveal a person's risk for breast, ovarian or prostate cancer.

Scientists found 49 new risk markers for breast cancer, 26 for prostate cancer and eight for ovarian cancer.

The operation involved genetic tests on 200,000 people, scientists said.

"This adds another piece to the puzzle,"

said Harpal Kumar, chief executive of Cancer Research U.K., the charity that funded much of the research.

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Defense of Marriage Act may soon be dead

Top court drops hints.

Justices may toss out law that prevents gay couples from getting benefits that go to married straights

The U.S. Supreme Court appeared late Wednesday to be on the verge of dropping a gay-marriage bombshell.

It indicated it could strike down the law that prevents legally married gay couples from receiving federal benefits that go to married people.

After two days of intense debate, the court wrapped up its arguments over gay marriage in America.

And Justice Anthony Kennedy — often the decisive vote in a divided court — joined the four more liberal justices in raising questions about the provision of the federal Defense of Marriage Act that is being challenged at the Supreme Court.

Kennedy said the law appears to intrude on the power of states that have chosen to recognize same-sex marriages.

Other justices said the law creates what Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg called two classes of marriage.

The federal law affects a range of benefits available to married couples, including tax breaks, survivor benefits and health insurance for the spouses of federal employees.

Lower federal courts have struck down the section of the law that defines marriage



Hoping for a game-changer: Same-sex-marriage supporters rally Wednesday outside the U.S. Supreme Court in Washington, D.C., while, inside, justices and lawyers debated whether to strike down a law that prevents legally married gay couples from receiving certain federal benefits. MARK WILSON/GETTY IMAGES

as being between one man and one woman.

And now the justices, in nearly two hours of argument, were considering whether to follow suit.

President Barack Obama declared his support for gay marriage during last year's presidential election campaign.

Same-sex marriage is legal in nine states and the District of Columbia, while 12 others recognize "civil unions" or "domestic partnerships" that grant the same benefits without full rights of marriage.

All the other U.S. states ban gay marriage in their constitutions.

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New logo

Now gay marriage is in the pink

Bud Light said it with beer cans. Martha Stewart said it with red velvet cake.

Companies and celebrities from Beyoncé to George Takei this week joined millions of social media users in posting and tweeting a simple red logo in support of gay marriage.

A square box with thick pink horizontal lines (the



mathematical equal symbol) was offered for sharing by the Human Rights Campaign.

The image — pictured above — is a makeover of the advocacy group's logo, usually a blue background with bright yellow lines.

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Riders raise their bikes in 2009 in memoriam of Solange Raulston, who passed away that year in Greenpoint, Brooklyn.
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Cyclists create wills so cops don't wait for death to investigate

New York. Bike riders say traffic collisions don't receive prompt action by the NYPD

ALISON BOWEN

Metro World News in New York

Some cyclists in New York are sure police would drag their feet before investigating traffic collisions that left them mortally wounded — so sure that they are creating wills to fix that.

The environmental advocacy group Time's Up! is collecting what they call living wills, online videos in which New Yorkers ask the NYPD to launch a full investigation if they are badly injured.

About 25 bikers have submitted wills so far, said Keegan Stephan, a Brooklyn-based cyc-

list and Time's Up! volunteer.

"The videos are a little chilling," said Stephan, 29. His will asks for an investigative report to be released to the public.

"To me, this is no different than being an organ donor," he said. "If something ... happens to me, I'd at least like it to help save the life of someone else."

Previously, the NYPD only investigated crashes in which the victim died or was likely to die. Many argued this meant no evidence was collected, even if someone was severely injured or did ultimately die.

Earlier this month, the NYPD announced they would also investigate serious injuries.

Stephan said he has been hit by cars countless times.

"It's just a reality check to be biking or even walking in New York City and not realize how dangerous the traffic is," he said. "You're kind of taking your life into your own hands."

Case study

Clara Heyworth, 28, was hit by a car in July 2011 as she stepped across a street.

- Her husband, Jacob Stevens, sued the NYPD, which he said did not do enough to investigate the case.
- Heyworth did not die at the scene, but later succumbed to her injuries. A delay in the investigation meant a lot of evidence was missed, Stevens argued, including skid marks and eye-witness accounts.
- The driver was charged with driving while intoxicated but was not sentenced to jail time.

Few know a woman's eggs are as old as she is: Study

Like sands through the hourglass, these are the eggs of our lives — but chances are you didn't know that.

A recent UBC study reveals that more than half of women and 66 per cent of men don't realize that women never produce more eggs, and men's particular lack of knowledge about fertility may be contributing to the delayed childbearing trend.

UBC counselling psychology professor Judith Daniluk said her findings are troubling, as the birth rate for women over 40 has more than tripled in the last 10 years and the average age a Canadian woman has her first child is now 30.

"We're talking about more people having babies at that age but also more people having to rely on third-party reproduction — donor egg or donor sperm — and in vitro fertilization," she said.

"Women and men look at these movie stars who are in their 40s and even their 50s and they say, 'Look at them — they're in good health and they're having kids.' But they don't realize that those movie stars are using donor eggs — the eggs of a young woman."

Fewer than half the people



One expert says female fertility plummets after 37. ERIC DREGER/THE CANADIAN PRESS

surveyed knew that a man's age is also an important factor in a couple's chances of becoming pregnant. Sperm count and motility decreases with age, while the number of abnormal sperm increases.

So how old is too old?

It's not an exact science, but Daniluk said a woman's fertility drops dramatically after age 37, to just over 10 per cent per month. There is also growing evidence that rates of autism, learning disabilities and schizophrenia increase among babies fathered by men over 45.

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Find out more

UBC counselling psychology professor Judith Daniluk has a website, myfertilitychoices.com, that answers questions on fertility and conception.

- Her key message: knowledge is power. Fertility tests for women and men can help inform decisions around timing and help to avoid costly procedures, complications, birth defects and heartache later.



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Insane wife killer. Court tosses province's claim to life insurance payout

Ontario's Superior Court of Justice has ruled it would be "manifestly harsh" and "clearly not in the interests of justice" to order cash from a murdered woman's life insurance policy to go to the province rather than to the mentally ill husband who killed her.

The case involved Ved Dhingra, who killed his wife Kamlesh in 2006 but was found not criminally responsible due to a mental disorder.

While the court agreed with the province's argument that the life insurance payout claimed by Dhingra was proceeds of unlawful activity, it

Civil Remedies Act

The Civil Remedies Act, enacted in 2002, aims to prevent criminals from profiting from wrongdoing.

- It does not exempt a person found not criminally responsible on account of mental disorder.

found it would not be just for Dhingra to forfeit the funds and consequently dismissed the Attorney General's application.

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Unscheduled landing

Boozy passenger disrupts flight

An Air Transat flight from Vancouver to the United Kingdom had to make an unscheduled landing in Nunavut because of a drunk-

en and unruly passenger.

RCMP said the plane was diverted early Wednesday to the territorial capital of Iqaluit because the 39-year-old man was belligerent and acting aggressively.

He had to be restrained by flight attendants and other passengers. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Cop killer found not criminally responsible

Mental illness. Three psychiatrists testified man was psychotic at the time he killed Toronto officer while on snowplow rampage

A man who killed a Toronto police officer with a snowplow showed no emotion Wednesday when he was found not criminally responsible.

Jurors reached the verdict in the trial of Richard Kachkar, 46, in the third day of deliberations.

The verdict means the jury believed Kachkar couldn't appreciate what he was doing when he hit and killed Sgt. Ryan Russell, 35, on Jan. 12, 2011, because he was mentally ill.

People who are found not criminally responsible are sent to mental health facilities

for an indeterminate period of time and can be released only when a review board finds they aren't a significant threat to public safety.

But the judge in the case still allowed Russell's family to deliver victim impact statements.

Speaking directly to Kachkar, Russell's father Glenn said Kachkar had smashed his family into pieces.

"You have no idea how much grief and pain you have caused," he said. "When you ran my son down with that plow and left him bleeding to death in the snow, a large part of myself died."

The judge had told the jury there was "no doubt" Kachkar was driving the stolen snowplow, but what the jury had to consider was his mental state.

The man from St. Catharines, Ont., drove the plow around the city, hitting vehicles and crossing into oncoming traffic.

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A man who killed Toronto police Sgt. Ryan Russell, pictured, with a snowplow has been found not criminally responsible. TORONTO POLICE SERVICE

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Assad appeals for end to Syrian civil war at summit

In a letter. Syrian president asked leaders of five nations to 'work for an immediate cessation of violence'

Syria's increasingly isolated president sent a letter calling for help from leaders of five nations at an economic meeting Wednesday in South Africa to help end his country's civil war.

Bashar Assad's appeal to Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa came a day after the Arab League endorsed Syria's Western-backed opposition coalition, allowing it to take the country's seat at a summit in Doha, Qatar. The move drew strong condemnation from Damascus, which warned it will take "appropriate measures" to defend its sovereignty.

Attempts to end Syria's two-year-old conflict through peaceful means have failed



Syrian rebel fighter Tawfiq Hassan, 23, poses for a picture in this August 2012 file photo at a rebel headquarters in Marea on the outskirts of Aleppo, Syria. The country's President Bashar Assad sent a letter calling for help from leaders of five nations at an economic meeting Wednesday in South Africa to help end his country's civil war.

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to make progress. The opposition, including the main Syrian National Coalition, says it will accept nothing less than Assad's departure from power while Assad's government has

vowed to continue the battle until the rebel forces — which it refers to as terrorists — are crushed.

"This requires a clear international will to dry up the

sources of terrorism and stop its funding and arming," Assad said in the letter, which was carried by Syrian state media on Wednesday.

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Fleeing Syria. Kenney working on plans if asked for help with refugee crisis

Government officials are bracing for the possibility Canada is asked to take in people fleeing the ongoing conflict in Syria, Immigration Minister Jason Kenney said Wednesday.

But a large-scale resettlement program won't resolve the growing refugee crisis, Kenney admitted.

"We're talking about millions of either convention refugees or non-registered de facto refugees or internally displaced persons in Syria," Kenney said after announcing the expansion of a resettlement program for Bhutanese refugees.

"And anyone who thinks we can just bring people in by the tens of thousands doesn't understand the complexity of the situation."

Kenney has come under repeated criticism from Syrian-Canadian groups and refugee advocates for failing to provide a concrete strategy for the growing refugee problem caused by the two-year-

Screening process

- Immigration Minister Jason Kenney cautioned that if a resettlement program were created, there would be strict controls.
- "There is a terrible bloody war going on and there's frankly blood on a lot of people's hands, both on the part of the regime and many of the opposition militias," he said. "We would have to be very careful about security screening and admissibility for anyone seeking to come in to a program like that."

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The United Nations estimates more than a million people have left the country since 2011 — a number they say could eventually triple if no solution is found.

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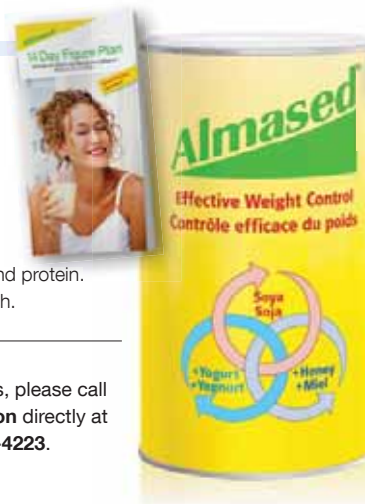
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Arizona gunfire. Documents from 2011 shooting made public

Thousands of pages of witness accounts, police reports and other documents in the investigation of the Arizona shooting rampage that wounded former Rep. Gabrielle Giffords have been made public.

The documents were released Wednesday by the Pima County sheriff's department after being kept private since the Tucson attack more than two years ago.

The estimated 2,700 pages of records are from the investigation into the January 2011 shooting at a meet-and-greet event outside a grocery store that killed six people and wounded Giffords and 12 others.

The judge in the case had prevented authorities from releasing the records, but he cleared the way after the conclusion of the criminal case against the man who carried out the attack.

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Jared Loughner went on a shooting rampage that killed six and left others wounded, including then U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords.

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Arizona shooting

Giffords was left partially blind, a paralyzed right arm and brain injury.

- Loughner was sentenced in November to seven consecutive life sentences

Former officials found guilty for war killings

Sentencing. Senior Bosnian Serb officials sentenced to 22 years for roles in killings

The Yugoslav war crimes tribunal convicted two senior Bosnian Serbs on Wednesday of key roles in a campaign of murder, torture and persecution against Muslims and Croats during the 1992-95 Bosnian war and sentenced them each to 22 years in prison.

Mico Stanisic was the interior minister in the break-away Bosnian Serb republic set up during his country's bitter war, while Stojan Zupljanin was a senior security official in charge of police.

Prosecutors had sought life sentences for both men after charging them with involvement in a criminal conspiracy led by Bosnian Serb



Former Bosnian Serb senior security official and police chief Stojan Zupljanin welcomes his lawyer prior to his judgment in The Hague, Netherlands, on Wednesday. MICHAEL KOOREN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

President Radovan Karadzic and his military chief, Gen. Ratko Mladic, to force Muslims and Croats out of what they considered to be Serb territory in Bosnia.

Presiding Judge Burton Hall said both men were in a position to prevent or punish crimes and neither did as Serb police and paramilitaries went on a rampage in

Bosnian War

The tribunal has indicted 161 people for their roles in atrocities in the former Yugoslavia over a decade starting in 1991.

- The Bosnian War left more than 100,000 people dead.
- Both men are still on trial at the UN court on charges including genocide for allegedly masterminding the slaughter, persecution and mass deportation of non-Serbs during the war.

early 1992, killing and mistreating non-Serbs as they tried to carve out a "Greater Serbia" during the bloody disintegration of Yugoslavia.

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C. Pistorious pleads not guilty

The brother of Oscar Pistorious pleaded not guilty to a charge of culpable homicide or negligent killing in a South African court Wednesday for the death of a female motorcyclist in a road collision in 2008.

Carl Pistorious also pleaded not guilty to two alternative charges of driving in a reckless and inconsiderate manner. The older brother of double-amputee Olympian Oscar Pistorious wore a dark suit and was accompanied by the pair's younger sister, Aimee, and other relatives and friends for the first day of his trial at a court in the city of Johannesburg.

Oscar Pistorious, who was charged with murdering his

girlfriend on Feb. 14, was not present and hasn't been seen in public since he was granted bail at Pretoria Magistrate's Court on Feb. 22.

His lawyers plan to challenge his bail restrictions on Thursday. Carl's trial was adjourned until next week to allow lawyer Kenneth Oldwage, also part of Oscar's defence team, to help prepare Oscar's bail appeal at the North Gauteng High Court in Pretoria. Carl and Aimee arrived separately at the drab two-story Vanderbijlpark Magistrate's Court building early Wednesday.

They left together at the end of the day's proceedings and declined to comment on Oscar's case as a policeman led them out.



Carl Pistorious's trial was adjourned until next week.

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On the first day of his trial, Carl was chewing gum and spoke just once during the proceedings to plead not guilty to the main charge and the two alternative charges.

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Movie-theatre massacre. Shooter could avoid death penalty with guilty plea

Lawyers for Colorado theatre shooting suspect James Holmes have offered to have him plead guilty and serve the rest of his life in prison to avoid the death penalty.

Lawyers made the offer in a motion filed Wednesday but said prosecutors haven't

accepted the offer because they may want to pursue the death penalty. Prosecutors are set to announce Monday whether they'll seek capital punishment.

Prosecutors declined to comment. They would likely consult with victims and

their families before deciding whether to accept the offer.

Holmes faces murder and attempted murder charges. The judge entered a not-guilty plea for him, but he still has the option of changing that to not guilty by reason of insanity. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS


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Cyprus limits bank transfers, ups security

Emergency measures.

Banks open Thursday after new tax imposed on large accounts

Cyprus has imposed limits on money transfers and hired extra security guards as it prepares for the planned reopening Thursday of its banks, which have been closed for almost two weeks to avoid a bank run during the country's financial drama.

A banking official said Wednesday that new controls will include restrictions on large-scale transfers from the country's two largest and most troubled lenders, Bank of Cyprus and Laiki. Both are being restructured and big depositors



A woman uses an ATM outside of a closed bank in Cyprus. The country agreed to trim its banking sector in order to raise enough money to qualify for a bailout loan.

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payroll payments will be allowed in order to help businesses, which have taken a huge hit as people cut down on their spending amid the uncertainty swirling about the banks.

The restrictions will be kept for at least a week until the situation stabilizes, said an official.

Meanwhile, private security firm G4S will dispatch 180 of its staff to all bank branches on the island to keep a lid on any possible trouble, said John Argyrou, managing director of the firm's Cypriot arm.

Cyprus's banking sector grew to nearly eight times the size of the country's economy, mainly on the back of substantial deposits from Russia, sparking accusations the country was being used by Russian criminals to launder their money.

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To catch a wolf

Ross Hurd looks at signs of wolves, including tracks, near his ranch south of Wenatchee, Wash., on Tuesday. Wildlife agents are investigating the death of a pregnant cow at the Hurd ranch. The Hurd family suspects that a pair of wolves, one later seen about 500 metres from a dead, pregnant cow, brought it down. Wildlife experts are testing for the cause of death. [DON SEABROOK/THE WENATCHEE WORLD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS](#)

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Canadian universities

Tuition rising faster than inflation

A child born in Canada today could pay more than \$140,000 for a four-year university degree, a new Bank of Montreal report says.

The report shows that tuition costs have been rising faster than inflation at times. In the early 1990s, average undergraduate fees in Canada were \$1,464. Today, they are \$5,581.

And while inflation was only 1.3 per cent in 2012, tuition fees increased 4.3 per cent.

The bank reached the \$140,000 estimate using its education-savings calculator, which takes into account province, school, housing costs and inflation.

Canadian university graduates are already struggling with an average debt load of \$27,000, according to the Canadian Federation of Students. A four-year degree currently costs about \$60,000. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**



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Bomb explodes near Greece's Acropolis

Tourist site. Small blast follows a string of recent attacks by anarchist groups

A bomb exploded outside a Greek ship-owner's house near a crowded pedestrian area under the Acropolis in central Athens on Wednesday night, causing minor damage but no injuries, police said.

The explosion a few hundred metres from the country's most famous monument occurred at about 8:30 p.m., after a warning call to a Greek newspaper.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the blast, which follows a string of bomb attacks in the financially-struggling country by anarchist groups that have caused no major injuries or loss of life.

Anarchists

Earlier this month, militant anarchists claimed responsibility for a bombing at a package shipping firm in Athens, and threatened further attacks on judges, police and witnesses in a terrorism trial.

Police spokesman Panagiotis Papapetropoulos said officers were able before the blast to evacuate one or two people from the building and to seal off the area.

The house belongs to a member of the Tsakos ship owning family, police said.

The blast, which was heard across the city centre, occurred very close to one of the Greek capital's favourite pedestrian walks that skirts the key tourist site of the Acropolis.

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Police set up a cordon after a bomb exploded at the home of a Greek ship owner, opposite the Acropolis in central Athens on Wednesday.

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Radical cleric

Efforts to deport terrorist foiled once again

Radical Muslim cleric Abu Qatada thwarted another effort by Britain to have him deported to Jordan after a court accepted arguments Wednesday that he would face testimony obtained by torture.

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Rising tension

North Korea cuts remaining radio ties with South

North Korea cut its last military hotline with Seoul on Wednesday, saying there was no need to continue military communications between the countries in a situation "where a war may break out at any moment." The hotline was used to arrange for South Koreans who work in the North to cross the heavily armed border.

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Pakistani heir

Bhutto's son may stay out of political spotlight

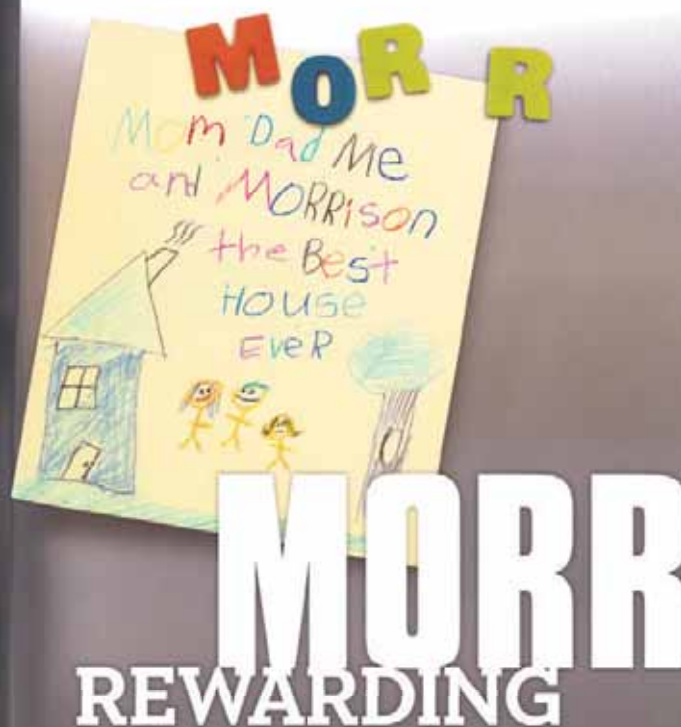
The re-election prospects for Pakistan's outgoing ruling party are looking even tougher after indications emerged this week that Bawal Bhutto Zardari — the son of assassinated prime minister Benazir Bhutto — will play a less prominent role in the campaign because of security concerns and political infighting.

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Thwarting protest

Cells cold, water scarce at Gitmo: Hunger-strikers

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Crews take down piece of Berlin Wall

Hated symbol. 15 feet of concrete removed to make way for real estate development

For nearly 30 years, the Berlin Wall was the hated symbol of the division of Europe, a grey, concrete mass that snaked through neighbourhoods, separating families and friends. On Wednesday, it took hundreds of police to guarantee the safe removal of less than five metres of what's left of the wall.

Construction crews, protected by about 250 police officers, hauled down part of the 1.3-kilometre strip of the wall before dawn to provide access to a planned luxury apartment complex overlooking the Spree River.

Even though most of the strip remains intact, the move angered many Berliners, who believe that developers are sac-



Police guard a construction site and sections of the East Side Gallery, while parts of the former Berlin Wall are removed in Berlin, Germany, on Wednesday. BRITTA PEDERSEN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

rificing history for profit.

The site, known as the East Side Gallery, has become a major tourist attraction, painted by 120 artists with colorful scenes along the grey concrete tiles.

It is the longest remaining portion of the 155-kilometre wall that surrounded Western-occupied West Berlin from 1961 until the peaceful revolution against the communist East German government in 1989. At least 136 people were killed trying to escape over the wall.

The flap over the future of the East Side Gallery flared last month with the announcement that developers wanted to tear away part of the wall. The announcement triggered a series of protests, including one attended by American celebrity David Hasselhoff.

After the protests, demolition work was suspended while local politicians and the investors looked for alternative access to the apartment site, located in the heart of the German capital.

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Festival of colours

Foreign tourists smear coloured powder on one another, top, and a widow throws flowers during Holi celebrations in Pushkar, India. The festival, which marks the advent of spring, was celebrated across the country on Wednesday.

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Royal bones. Remains could be King Alfred the Great

A diocese in southern England says it has exhumed a grave over fears that a set of bones could be stolen amid speculation that the remains are those of King Alfred the Great.

The Diocese of Winchester says the exhumation took place earlier this week in the churchyard of St. Bartholomew's Church. The bones are now in storage.

Nick Edmond, diocese spokesman, said Wednesday the exhumation was authorized to protect the bones amid heightened interest following the recently discovered remains of King Richard III.

Edmondson said no permission has been given to analyze the bones.

Alfred - who lived from 849 A.D. to 899 A.D. - was believed buried at nearby Hyde Abbey and there is speculation he was later reburied in the same area.

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February inflation shows biggest jump in over 2 decades

Inflation shock. Hike in gasoline prices fuelled month-to-month rise — but figure is likely to be viewed as an anomaly

Consumer prices in Canada jumped by a surprisingly strong 1.2 per cent in February as a big hike in gasoline helped fuel the biggest month-to-month pop in inflation since January 1991 when Ottawa debuted the GST.

The one-month increase lifted the Canadian annual inflation rate by 0.7 point, also to 1.2 per cent, reversing a trend that had reduced annual inflation to 0.5 per cent in January, the lowest in more than three years.

Economists had expected inflation to start edging up, particularly as gasoline prices were



A steep increase in gasoline prices from January to February helped drive up consumer prices in Canada by a surprisingly strong 1.2 per cent. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

known to have risen, but their best estimate was for a year-to-year increase of 0.8 per cent and a month-to-month increase of 0.7 per cent.

Despite the one-month inflation shock, analysts said Canadians had little to worry about and that the Bank of Canada

will likely discount the report as an anomaly.

Derek Holt, vice-president of economics with Scotia Capital, noted the steep increase in gasoline prices from January to February — 8.4 per cent — is not being repeated in March.

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Yoga pants recall

No need to bend over: Lululemon

Lululemon said Wednesday that no demonstrations of yoga or any other positions are needed to return the pricey black yoga pants that the company pulled from shelves last week after finding they were too sheer.

"We do not require guests to demonstrate the sheeriness of their bottoms," said Sari Martin, who works for communications firm ICR and spoke on behalf of Lululemon.

The statement comes a day after the New York Post recounted one woman's tale of being asked by sales staff to bend over to prove the pants she was trying to return were sheer. Martin said this is not standard policy for Lululemon staffers.

On the contrary, she said that people who bought the black Luon yoga pants since March 1, either online or in store, can return them for a full refund, "no questions asked." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Synopsis

Based on Hasbro's G.I. Joe toys and comics, *Retaliation* sees the G.I. Joe squad — Duke (Channing Tatum), Roadblock (Dwayne Johnson), Flint (D.J. Cotrona) and Lady Jaye (Adrianne Palicki) — framed for treason. Shut down by order of the president (Jonathan Pryce) they team with a rogue general, Joseph Colton (Bruce Willis), to battle venomous international terrorist organization Cobra and super villain Zartan (Arnold Vosloo).

Richard: ●●●●●

Mark: ●●●●●

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN



Retaliation. Second instalment of the G.I. Joe series beats the tar out of viewers

Richard: Mark, I enjoyed watching *GI Joe: Retaliation*, but it wasn't the movie I thought it would be. It was written by the people who did *Zombieland*, so I expected a higher laugh to body count ratio. I didn't think it would be *Zero Dark Thirty* or anything, but every now and again it would tease me with a line like, "They call it a water board, but I never got bored," that made me wish for more belly laughs and

fewer bullets. What did you think?

Mark: The spirit of Michael Bay hangs over this movie like a shroud, suffocating it with inane plotting, cardboard characters and meth lab editing. I thought I disliked the first *G.I. Joe* but this one makes the original look like *Citizen Kane*. No wonder Charming Tater, or whatever his name is, had the smarts to limit his scenes to his contractual obligations only.

RC: This one makes the assumption that the audience has read the comics and knows the mythology surrounding the Joes (all you really need to know

is that "Joes" rhymes with "heroes"), Cobra (the bad guys) and the various ninjas. That's where this movie lost me, story wise. I was glad the ninjas were there — there's a wild ninja chase in the middle of the movie — but their backstory muddies things up. Remind me again, is Storm Shadow a good guy or a bad guy?

MB: Couldn't tell. Same with the ninjas. They have a great scene on a mountain, though, the best in the movie. But otherwise, the film just crowds in as much action as possible, and hopes we'll find Jonathan Pryce as dastardly as he thinks he is. The rest of

the cast seems a bit stunned by the plot, even The Rock, although Bruce Willis is a welcome arrival midway through. But it's like putting a fine béarnaise sauce on a rancid flank steak. In glorious 3D.

RC: I liked it more than you. I was content to sit back and watch things explode — the little flying bug bombs are cool — and watch The Rock flex his muscles, but I did feel the action scenes, while plentiful, were shot so that it was often difficult to tell who was beating the tar out of who.

MB: Me either, but in the end, I felt the movie was beating the tar out of me.



Channing Tatum and Dwayne Johnson flex their muscles in *G.I. Joe: Retaliation*. HANDOUT

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CHRIS ALEXANDER

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There was a time when edgy, new exciting indie horror films would almost always find homes in movie theatres, a model that existed due to more adventurous audiences' hunger for films that didn't play by the traditional Hollywood blockbuster rules. With the advent of home video and the Internet, however, people are less inclined to take that big screen gamble and those wild and wooly weird movies end up going direct to DVD or VOD with little or no fanfare.

But Cineplex's Front Row Centre Events and Raven Banner Distribution aim

to undo that unfortunate shift with their adventurous Sinister Cinema series, a monthly program that places four unique art-house horror films into 25 theatres across Canada, coupled with live talent appearances, skyped-in Q&A's and pre-recorded interviews. This may be your only chance to see these amazing, frightening and in some cases, completely outrageous pictures projected in a multiplex, with a full, appreciative audience, the way horror movies were meant to be seen.

Here's a peek at the quartet of creepers in question:

John Dies at the End (Opens: March 27)

Phantasm mastermind Don Coscarelli's utterly mad meditation on a drug called soy sauce that gives its addicts a euphoric, dimensional travelling high and then promptly turns many of them into monsters. Based on David Wong's equally demented novel, John stars genre star

Clancy Brown and heavy hitter Paul Giamatti and is about as fevered and unclassifiable a film as it gets. And of course, that makes it an instant cult hit.

The Last Will and Testament of Rosalind Leigh (May 9)

Toronto horror hero Rodrigo Gudino (founder of Canadian genre magazine Rue Morgue) delivers a slow, strange supernatural drama about an antiques collector whose late mother's home is actually a shrine to an angelic cult. The immortal Vanessa Redgrave provides a supporting role.

American Mary (May 30)

From the social networking heroines The Soska Sisters comes this audacious, twisted and blackly comic thriller. In it Ginger Snaps star Katherine Isabelle plays a troubled med student who gets sucked into the perverse world of underground plastic surgery. Tons of lurid fun, not for the squeamish and



The Sinister Cinema series kicks off with John Dies at the End. HANDOUT

filled with kinetic visuals and great, oddball pop music.

No One Lives (June 19)

Director Ryuhei Kitamura (Versus, Midnight Meat Train) delivers a gory and engrossing thriller where good and evil simply do not exist. There's only bad people and well, badder people. When a gang of

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The Sapphires. Actor's attitude toward country music parallels his character's beliefs about the genre

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"Country and western music," says Chris O'Dowd, "is a very easy thing to deride."

In *The Sapphires* O'Dowd plays an Irish musician playing piano in Australia's out-back bars in exchange for beer money. His life is spiraling downward until he discovers a group made up of four of talented Indigenous Australian sisters. Trouble is, he doesn't like the music they sing.

"When I met you," he says in the film, "you were doing all country and western things and that's fine, we all make

mistakes."

For O'Dowd that speech was art imitating life. "My dad played guitar in pubs playing country and western music," he says. "So I feel like the whole speech I do about country and western music is something that has been pent up in me since I was 14. Carrying his guitar case to listen to bad Merle Haggard tracks."

"Country and western music is huge in Ireland. I don't know why. It's all Kris Kristofferson and a bit of Willie Nelson and Clint Black. Dad was really into it. Maybe it's that country and western has some origins in bluegrass and bluegrass has origins in Irish music. There's something going on there. And Irish people love a good whine. We're great at it."

In the film he convinces the girls to trade country for soul music and shapes them into a version of The Supremes.

"I wrote this speech about how country music is about

loss, but soul music is also about loss — you've lost but you haven't given up — and that has a nice payoff in the film.

"Country music is kind of whiny," he says. "He left me, now what am I going to do with my life? Whereas soul music is like, 'I'm going to get that bugger back.' It's nice. It's a nice turning point in the film where we're not going to feel sorry for ourselves. That's an important element for the entire story. About moving on."

Thinking back on his teenage years, he speculates if his attitude might have been different if dear old dad had sung a different kind of music.

"I wonder if he had been an amazing Al Green-esque songster if I would have still said, 'This is so lame.' I wonder sometimes with people whose parents are cool. I've been working with Rashida Jones recently and I'm like, 'How can you not think your dad is cool?'"



Chris O'Dowd stars in *The Sapphires*, which opens next week. HANDOUT

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It's all good in the Brad Brad World of style

New season. Former style director for Rachel Zoe is watching his business take off with a plethora of pretty faces hiring out his services

Comparing season one with season two of Brad Goreski's reality TV show is like looking at before and after make-over photos.

It's a Brad Brad World began with Goreski trying to kick-start his styling business. He kept racks of clothes in his garage, worried about money and needed to get his name out there.

The show is now in its second season on Bravo (Wednesday, 10 p.m. EDT), and the former style director for Rachel Zoe has turned things around. (Goreski was featured on Zoe's Bravo series before landing his own show.)

He counts a number of Hollywood leading ladies as

clients, including Jessica Alba, Rashida Jones, Stacy Keibler and Jenna Dewan-Tatum. He's also the head brand stylist for Kate Spade.

So what does he do for those famous faces?

"It's a very simple process," he explained in a recent interview. "I bring a very edited rack, and I know the top five things that (the client) is going to like."

When he dressed Alba for the Golden Globe Awards, "it was the first dress that we tried on," Goreski said.

"We tried on maybe three or four after that and were like, 'This is it,'" he said. "And I think that is a really good way to work."

Goreski, 35, said dressing celebrities is more than feeding their egos.

"People aren't hiring me to be a 'yes' man," he said. "They have their girlfriends for that."

He said a stylist has to be able to say why something doesn't look great on a client or why it won't be received well.

"You can't just say 'it



Celebrity stylist Brad Goreski says dressing celebs is more than feeding their egos. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

doesn't look good on you,' you have to say this: 'It's not flattering, the colour's off, it won't photograph well from the side, there's nothing really special about it.'"

Goreski, well-coiffed and

often sporting a bow tie, said he goes for comfort at home, just like everyone else.

"It all comes off as soon as I get home," he said.

"I love the big, like, basketball sweats ... and I

only wear vintage T-shirts to bed because I like the super-thin ones.

"I have about six that all go on rotation and my boyfriend hates (them.) It's like a woman who wears the same

flannel nightie to bed every night.

"Do you know what I mean? 'Not the blue one again, get a new T-shirt, what's the matter with you?'"

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Price of paradise

The Office of Mercy. Young adult author talks about our fascination with imagining what will be

MONICA WEYMOUTH
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There's no hunger in America-5. No unemployment, no struggling schools, no divisive elections. There's no income

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And yet there's something eerily familiar about the setting of Ariel Djanikian's novel *The*

Office of Mercy.

"I think there's something traditionally, deeply American about the postapocalyptic book — we're a forward-looking people in general," says Djanikian, a Philadelphia native. "Things change fast now, and I think there's a desire to see where we'll land. There's a lot of historical fiction that's popular right now that seems like the reverse, but it's probably symptomatic of the same

desire to find universal themes — either in a past or a future."

Like most utopias, America-5 is not quite the all-inclusive resort it appears to be. As an employee of the Office of Mercy, 24-year-old Natasha is tasked with euthanizing the unfortunate nomads who roam outside the community's walls — which seems compassionate enough until she's sent on an eye-opening mission by bosses who are clearly not familiar

with Young Adult novels and their feisty heroines.

Despite the bleak future she's imagined, Djanikian doesn't think humanity is doomed. But she does hope readers think about what constitutes a disaster. "I think it's more the job of a novel to say how things could be rather than how things should be. It's up to readers what they want to be horrified by and what they don't want to accept."

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Billy Elliot the Musical

The Tony Award-winning team is bringing Billy Elliot the Musical to the SAIT's Jube this weekend. Enjoy Elton John's score as you follow the boy's journey from the boxing ring to ballet class. Based on the Academy Award-nominated film, the British story could inspire you to find your own hidden passion. The show runs Thursday through Sunday. Tickets range from \$50 to \$105. Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium 1415 14th Ave. N.W.



Monique Marvez

The Latin funny lady from Los Angeles will be at The Laugh Shop Comedy Club Friday and Saturday. She's a radio and TV personality popular for her "he said, she said" quips. She's been on everything from Comedy Central to Montel Williams. Check out some of her uber popular YouTube clips and get yourself a ticket to the show. Her new book, Not Skinny, Not Blonde, will be released later this year. The Laugh Shop Comedy Club 5940 Blackfoot Tr. S.E.



April Fool's Parade

The Green Fools Theatre presents the 23rd annual April Fool's Day Parade on Monday at 4 p.m. The theatre group's processional will feature costumes, stilt walkers, bikes and bagpipers, no joke. Community participation is encouraged and juggling clowns will be on hand at this all ages event. More information can be found at greenfools.com. Tomkins Park at Mount Royal Village, located on 17th Avenue S.W.



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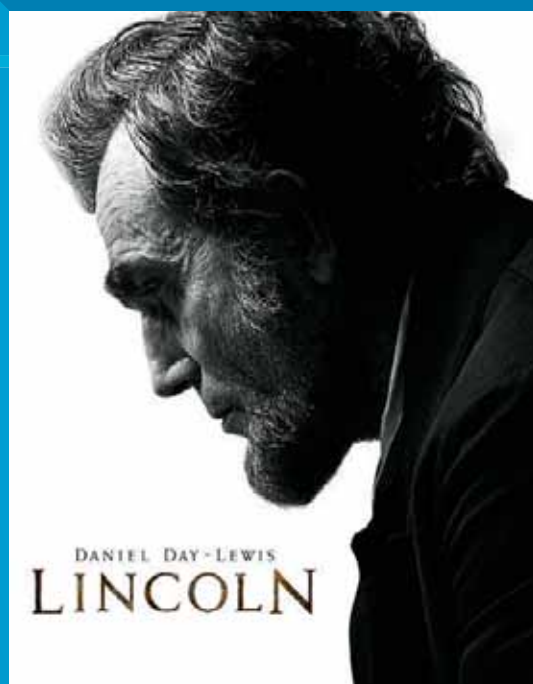
Four themed music series are set for April 3 to 6 in the EPCOR CENTRE's Engineered Air Theatre (205 8 Ave. S.E.) Check out the Folk Roots, Indie Rock, Mix Tape and Pop Art Sessions as Alberta's best and brightest grace the stage each night. The series showcases the likes of storytellers Lucky Sonne, acoustic hard folkier Chris Gheran, soulful rock-roots singer WiL and smoldering Nuela Charles. Individual show tickets are \$18 and a four-day series pass is \$54. For passes, call the box office at 403-294-9494.



Little Big Town

Winners of this year's Grammy award for best country duo/group performance, Little Big Town are playing at SAIT's Jube on Easter Monday at 7:30 p.m. Don your cowboy boots and check out the American country music group's four-party vocal harmonies and their chart-topping single of the year, Pontoon. Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium 1415 14th Ave. N.W.

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Actor Aaron Eckhart plays the president of the U.S. in Olympus Has Fallen. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

From pedophile to president

Aaron Eckhart. Actor has worn many disparate hats over the years, but he's nostalgic for the days when the ever-same Cary Grant was king

Aaron Eckhart's favourite actor is Cary Grant.

Unlike Grant, Eckhart's own career has veered all over the place. His breakthrough was playing a remorseless corporate sociopath in In the Company of Men. He's played villains since, but even there lies diversity: a lovably amoral nicotine lobbyist in Thank You For Smoking and a tragic Two-Face in The Dark Knight.

Elsewhere he's played heroes (Battle: Los Angeles) and love interests (Erin Brockovich). Now, in the new Olympus Has Fallen, he's the president of the United States.

Yet, Eckhart latches onto Cary Grant, an actor who, with a few exceptions, kept to a certain (peerless) shtick.

"I always feel like he's so good that he's not regarded as an actor," Eckhart explains.

"Maybe he didn't have the range that people expect a modern actor to have. But there's never been anybody like him."

Eckhart pines for a radically different era of screen acting. "They had multiple partnerships: Cary Grant and Katharine Hepburn, Katharine Hepburn and Spencer Tracy. They got to know each other. So they were comfortable together. In movies today you don't get to know the person you're working with as well as you'd like."

But today's actors are judged by versatility, forever required to stretch their talents. "The most important part about being an actor is being truthful. It really doesn't matter what I play, even if it's the president," he says. "You want to do different things, too. I've done big and small. I've been a pedophile, I've been a war hero. There's not much I won't do."

Eckhart has done his share of action movies, including Olympus, which is Die Hard in the White House. Eckhart's president is kidnapped during a siege by rogue North Korean terrorists and has to be saved by secret service agent Gerard Butler.

Playing the president re-

quired him to craft his ideal head of state. "I want somebody to look at me and feel confident, to feel like they elected the right guy, to feel like I was capable and honest, speaking truthfully to them. I wanted to be someone who was not easily coerced."

Of course, there's also the fear of being typecast. Early in his career Eckhart voiced concern about relentless villain roles. "I'm still conscious of that. When you're playing the villain where you're trying to take down something, it's not so interesting."

Typecasting isn't always bad: Cary Grant got to play charming men of refinement. Villains can be less fun. "Being a villain, you have to deal with so many hard-core emotional issues. You spend a lot of time reading the diary of Jeffrey Dahmer and stuff like that. And it gets old after awhile. Basically you're hanging out with a bunch of s---heads."

Playing villains or heroes comes from the same place, though. "The main challenge of being an actor is to be multi-dimensional, to be a whole person," he says.

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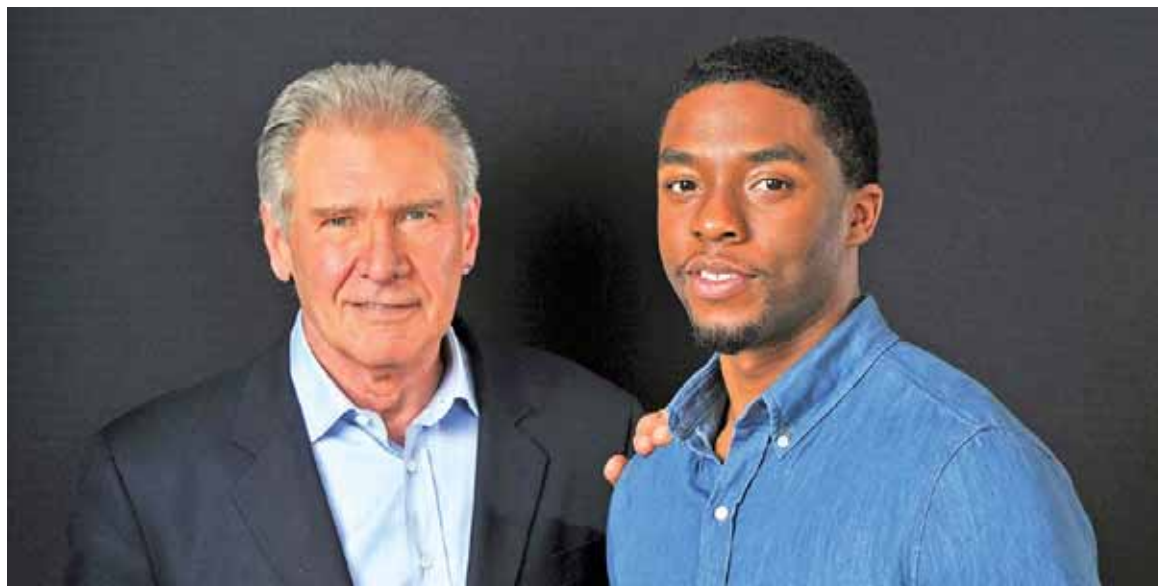
Han Solo. The scruffy nerf herder declines to discuss what role — if any — he may have in the new J.J. Abrams movies

Harrison Ford isn't ready — "yet" — to talk about his reported part in Disney's planned Star Wars sequel, but he praises its director, J.J. Abrams.

"I think he's fantastic," Ford said in a recent interview. "I did his first movie, *Regarding Henry*, with Mike Nichols. A wonderful talent. Extraordinary guy."

The 70-year-old actor — who came to fame playing Han Solo in the Star Wars trilogy — is shrugging off questions about that character while promoting his role as Brooklyn Dodgers president Branch Rickey in the upcoming Jackie Robinson film *42*.

Asked how he feels generally that the Star



Harrison Ford, left, who came to fame playing Han Solo in the Star Wars sci-fi trilogy, is shrugging off questions about that character while promoting his new film *42*. CHRIS PIZZELLO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Wars sequel and Disney spin-offs are in the works, Ford responded: "I don't feel anything at the moment yet."

In an article published earlier this month, Star Wars creator George Lucas told Bloomberg Businessweek

that Ford, Mark Hamill and Carrie Fisher had been in negotiations to return to the franchise even before Luca-

sfilm was sold to Disney last fall.

Was Ford surprised by that announcement?

Quoted

"I think he's fantastic. I did his first movie, *Regarding Henry*, with Mike Nichols. A wonderful talent. Extraordinary guy."

Harrison Ford
Talking about working with J.J. Abrams on previous films.

He makes the universal zipping-my-lips sign.

Asked what it will take to get him to commit to play Han Solo again, Ford said, "Um, I don't even want to discuss that. It's great. Ain't it great?"

It's been over two decades since Abrams wrote the *Regarding Henry* screenplay. Have the two chatted recently?

"About what?" Ford asked, smirking and taking a slow sip from a cup.

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Hannibal keeps a sense of style to their murders

New series. Director David Slade stays on to help create a mood on the new series based on famous character

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The new series *Hannibal* is the brainchild of *Heroes* writer Bryan Fuller, who brings his manic energy and dedicated vision to the show and has, for his director, a man who is no stranger to horror: David Slade, helmer of the stylized vampire classic *30 Days of Night*. He was brought on to direct the pilot but stayed on to ensure the style of *Hannibal* remained consistent in tone ... and in darkness.

"The usual process with a director on a pilot is that the producers hire him, he does the job, they kick him out, they get a royalty," Slade told us.

"But here I stayed on. They brought me in, embraced my

The art of the kill

"Now they want creative ways in which people are murdered. There's a creative flair here."

Laurence Fishburne
Who plays the head of the FBI's behavioral science unit in *Hannibal*.

ideas and we created a look and a sound and they kept me here to maintain it. It's a family and I'm totally dedicated to this show."

The *Hannibal* crew may be a family, but it is decidedly not a family show. Rather, it pushes the boundaries on just how much blood and horror can be allowed on American network television. Bullets tear flesh, blades open wounds, violently dispatched bodies in all manner of decay litter morgues and in the second episode, men and women are buried alive, their flesh then used to grow edible fungus. It's a nasty piece of work indeed. Laurence Fishburne, who stars in *Hannibal*, is no stranger

to on-screen television gore, having served time in the hit series *CSI*, but he insists the murders here are even more devious.

"The funny thing about *CSI* was that they were always trying to find interesting, weird, unexpected ways in which people had died," he says, "and in this show, they have a little more license. Now they want creative ways in which people are murdered. There's a creative flair here. In *CSI* it was all accidents and murderers but this is serial killers, every week, people with dramatic bravado."

With the success of such programs as AMC's *The Walking Dead*, HBO's *True Blood* and Showtime's *Dexter* kicking down the gates for what sort of visceral violence can be shown in prime time television, the ample gruesomeness in *Hannibal* might cause some alarm in more sensitive viewers and will no doubt court some controversy. But Fishburne is adamant that the violence is a necessary evil to add gravitas to the program's intensity.



Director David Slade arrives at the premiere of *30 Days of Night*. He is now helming the *Hannibal* series.

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Music videos from the fringe that are too hot for television



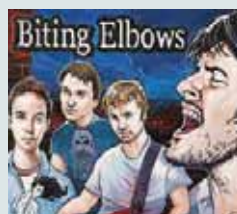
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The cool thing about the Internet is that bands get to make videos that would have a hard time making it on TV.



Diane Young/Vampire Weekend

Wherein the band greatly annoys Saab fans by torching some perfectly good cars.



Bad MF/Biting Elbows

When I posted this video from this unknown band on my website, traffic exploded. You've never, ever seen anything like this before. (Violence and coarse language! Definitely NSFW.)



Bohemian Rhapsody/Puscifer

Weirdly cool—and more than just a little disturbing. In the absence of a new Tool album, I guess Maynard James Keenan needs to do something, although I'm not sure what Freddie Mercury would think.

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Timberlake. Album promotion had 20/20 vision on how to succeed

Justin Timberlake's comeback album has sold nearly one million units its first week out.

Nielsen SoundScan announced Tuesday that the singer's third album, *The 20/20 Experience*, has moved 968,000 units. It's the 19th album in Nielsen's 22-year history that has sold more than 900,000 albums in its debut week.

20/20 is Timberlake's third album and the follow-up to his multiplatinum, Grammy-winning 2006 album, *FutureSex/LoveSounds*. The new CD features the pop hit *Suit & Tie*.

"The numbers are pleasantly surprising," said Tom Corson, the president and chief operating officer of RCA Records, which released Timberlake's album.

The label had projected that *20/20* would sell 500,000 to 600,000 units, Corson said. Timberlake, 31, was strategic about promoting his comeback effort. He performed at the Grammy Awards, hosted and hit the stage at Saturday Night Live and spent an entire week on Late Night with Jimmy Fallon. The singer also partnered with Target for the album's deluxe edition and *20/20* streamed on iTunes a week before it was released.

Timberlake came up with the idea of a weeklong stint himself, Fallon said.

"I think he mentioned it to me like a year ago that he's working on something and wanted to do a week on our show," Fallon said Tuesday.

20/20 is an unconventional album that features a mesh of R&B, soul, pop and



Justin Timberlake is swimming in success. HANDOUT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Albums

Of the 19 albums to sell more than 900,000 in their debut week, Timberlake holds three slots

- **Numbers.** His albums with 'N Sync in 2000 and 2001 sold 2.4 million and 1.9 million in their first week.

futuristic sounds. The 10 tracks average seven minutes each.

Corson believes Timberlake's key to promoting the album was "less is more."

"While it felt like he was everywhere, he didn't do a lot of things because he didn't have to. But he did big things," he said.

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Dido promises new album won't be one who got away

Life gets in the way.

Singer's fourth album took more than a few years to get made but now that it's here she's hoping it's a success

Dido had been planning a relatively quick return to the spotlight after 2008's *Safe Trip Home*. She holed up in Los Angeles and London studios to record a set of electronic-tinged songs.

"I was busy telling everyone there was an album on the way," Dido said. "And then I found out there was a baby on the way instead."

She and husband Rohan Gavin welcomed their first child, a son named Stanley, in July 2011. Dido packed up the recordings to focus on family.

But then late last year, the 41-year-old English singer reached out to her brother, producer Rollo Armstrong, to finally put the finishing touches on her fourth album, *Girl Who Got Away*, released Tuesday.

The album has some electronica and dubstep influence. What were you feeling and listening to as you edged in that direction?

All the music you listen to in your life is all in like this big melting pot in your head and you can't help it. All the things you love just come out — whether it's dance music, hip-hop, folk. And I just love so many different types of music. ...

It's similar to *No Angel* in that way in it's sort of unashamedly doing what I



Dido's latest album was released Tuesday. HANDOUT

want.

But the thing that's holding it together is the songs and the same voice.

The album title seems to evoke a desire to escape and be away from the spotlight. Is that right?

It's a slightly almost joking comment on me, I guess. Everyone else spotted that aspect of the title. ... They're like, "Well, it's sort of perfect because you do keep disappearing." And it's like, "Really? Sorry!" I've never felt a need to sort of keep being in the public eye. I don't have that burning need. I do have a burning need to make music. I can't stop do-

Follow the melody

"I love writing songs and I will always keep doing that."

Dido
Talking about her passion for music.

ing that and I don't want to stop doing that. Music is my thing and it's the way I see the world. And I love writing songs and I will always keep doing that.

Your husband wrote and is set to release a book that focuses on a father-son relationship. Has being a mother changed you cre-

atively?

Obviously when you first have a kid, you're so focused on them and your brain slightly disintegrates. I don't know if anyone else has that, but it's just like, "Wow, where did my brain go?" Then it sort of comes back. ... Now I really see the world through his eyes and it gives this real freshness to everything. It's like if you thought you were going to run out of things to ever write about, you have a kid, then you're never going to run out because suddenly everything is sort of limitless again and fresh and new and it's like this amazing new start.

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Usher is hosting The Voice, which garnered 13.6 million viewers Monday. HANDOUT

The Voice, Dancing With the Stars make strong returns to TV

Ratings success.

Usher and Shakira power NBC rally as talent show pulls in 13.6 million for spring season premiere

Two popular reality shows made a splash upon their re-entry during the past week — and a new one had a strong debut.

A new episode of Dancing With the Stars premiered on ABC last week before 17 million viewers, just behind CBS drama NCIS as the week's most popular program. It was down to 14.5 million Monday night, facing competition from the return of The Voice on NBC.

The Voice, with Usher and Shakira as new cast members, premiered its spring season before 13.6 million

on Monday, the Nielsen company said. Those are welcome numbers for NBC, which has been starved for viewers.

There's also likely to be a healthy rivalry with Fox's American Idol for the rest of the TV season. Idol reached 12.9 million viewers last Wednesday and 11.9 million viewers for its Thursday edition. Fox points out that when Idol debuted its new season in January, it did so with nearly 18 million viewers, far more than The Voice.

NBC is encouraged by the relatively youthful appeal of its show. An estimated 6.1 million viewers of The Voice on Monday were in the 18-to-49-year-old demographic that advertisers seek. Idol last Wednesday had 4.5 million young viewers. Dancing With the Stars skews much older; its viewership in the young demographic was 3.1 million on Monday.

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Ratings

For the week in prime time, CBS topped all the networks.

- **Ratings.** CBS averaged 8.5 million viewers (5.3 rating, nine share). ABC was second with 7.5 million viewers (4.8, eight), Fox had 5.9 million (3.6, six), NBC had 4.2 million (2.7, four), the CW had 1.4 million (0.9, one) and ION television had 1.2 million (0.8, one).

- **News.** NBC's Nightly News topped the evening newscasts with an average of 8.4 million viewers (5.7, 11). ABC's World News was second with 7.8 million (5.2, 11) and the CBS Evening News had 6.6 million viewers (4.4, eight).



Hayden Panettiere. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Hayden Panettiere engaged to Klitschko?

Hayden Panettiere has secretly gotten engaged to her Ukrainian boxer beau, Wladimir Klitschko, according to Us Weekly.

"Very few people know, and she isn't wearing her ring publicly yet," a source says. "Looks like a summer

wedding."

Panettiere and Klitschko split up in 2011 after two years of dating, and they have not officially confirmed they are back together, despite several public displays of affections over the past few months.

Sean Penn's son gets into fight with photographer

Sean Penn's 18-year-old son, Hopper, is proving to be just as much of a fan of the paparazzi as his dad, reportedly getting physical with a photographer outside a Beverly Hills building, according to TMZ.

The photographer claims he and Hopper argued before the young man shoved him. But while the photographer reportedly showed police footage of the



Sean Penn.

incident when they arrived on the scene, he declined to press charges.

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The Word



Jon Hamm wants you to stop talking about his package

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Jon Hamm is growing tired of the attention his private parts have been receiving.

"Most of it's tongue-in-cheek, but it is a little rude," he tells Rolling Stone

of the photos spread online of his crotch. "They're called 'privates' for a reason. I'm wearing pants. Lay off."

Of course, the Mad Men star doesn't want to come off as a complainer.

"I mean ... There are harder jobs in the world," he says. "But when people feel the freedom to create Tumblr accounts... I feel like that wasn't part of the deal. But whatever. I guess it's better than being called out for the opposite."

Exactly. Better than the alternative, Hamm. We could be talking about your Hammapillar.



Justin Bieber

Did Bieber lay a beat down?

Justin Bieber is facing battery accusations made by a neighbour who claims the singer made threats during an argument near his Los Angeles-area home, according to E! News. No further details of Bieber's supposed behaviour were made available.

While no arrests were

made or injuries reported, the L.A. Sheriff's Department is investigating the accusation.

"Everyone that we will need to talk to, we will talk to," a spokesman says. Bieber was stopping home in California this week between stops on his European tour.

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Spring into a male makeover

Fashion. The change in the seasons brings a combination of classic staples and new trends, including suede, splashes of colour and blue suits

Men will soon be packing away the parkas and shelving heavy sweaters to make way for spring styles — and they'd be wise to leave plenty of closet space.

"I find menswear right now the best it's ever been. It's just more exciting, fun, colourful," says Melissa Austria, founder of Toronto menswear boutique Got-style.

While menswear doesn't change as rapidly as womenswear, it remains rooted in the classic staples — albeit with a twist, notes Shannon Stewart, assistant general merchandise manager for Harry Rosen.

"The polo is a great example. It's been around for decades and we keep reinventing it really through colour and through silhouette," Stewart says.

Whether you're a fashion-forward fella or a style neophyte, Austria and Stewart have some tips on ways men can spring



The wealth of fashion choices for men this spring will blow your mind—and your closet. iSTOCK

forward with their seasonal wardrobe.

1. Rainbow brights. It's not just flashes of colour in neckties, pocket squares, socks and collared shirts: a rainbow full of saturated shades are brightening up all facets of menswear.

"The overriding theme for the season is the sheer amount of colour," says Stewart. "Even from a psychological point of view, it just has an impact on a person. It instantly lifts their mood

— and it can instantly lift a wardrobe."

Austria says the colours span the spectrum from reds to brighter greens to blues, oranges and yellows.

"It's a more toned-down silhouette. So, it's going to be a toned-down (coloured) chino that you're going to wear with a crisp white shirt. It's going to be a polo shirt that you're going to wear with dark jeans," she says. "It doesn't have to be that intimidating for guys."

Colourful patterns are also in the mix for spring, with smaller-scale hounds-tooth print, finer stripes and smaller grid checks in shirting, notes Austria.

While some men may have no qualms about donning pants in a bold hue or pairing a variety of shades within one look, both Austria and Stewart say more style-shy guys should start by opting for one core coloured piece.

Unsure of which shade to select? Stewart recommends blue, which she says is a "go-to colour" for many men.

"If they stay in that colour family of blues but maybe go a little bit lighter or a little bit more punchier with the blue, it's a simple way of just taking the blue up a notch from the usual navy or denim blue."

2. Tie one on. Bow ties are broadening beyond tuxedos and geek chic as a sleek alternative to neckties awash

Not just for Pee-wee

"We've seen a return to men wearing bow ties ... It's definitely a modern look, and you have to be a little more confident."

Harry Rosen merchandise manager
Shannon Stewart

in vibrant hues, graphic patterns and even available in reversible varieties.

"Even if a man isn't planning on buying a new suit for the season, through dress shirts and ties ... or bow ties, you can easily freshen up a suit that you may have purchased within the last couple of years," says Stewart.

"We've seen a return to men wearing bow ties which is kind of fun. It's definitely a modern look, you have to be a little bit more confident in it, but it's just a great way to inject a little bit of life into the wardrobe."

Austria says the use of colourful, lighter-weight summer scarves — which has made a splash on the other side of the Atlantic — is poised to make waves closer to home.

"If you go to Europe, they've been showing them for 10, 15 years; and now we're slowly starting to see the guys embrace that in North America," she says.

3. Smart suiting. Austria says formal wear for men is true blue heading into spring after being "grey-driven" for some time. Austria says the new blue is a lighter hue and distinct from the midnight navy and darker shades of the classic colour.

"You can tell that it's blue and it's really fresh," she says. "I just find it more vibrant."

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Stewart says its all about suede and colours that pop.

- "It's still breathable, it's a natural material and it adds just a little texture," she says.
- Try a coloured lace or coloured sole for subtler effects.



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Stick-on personality: wall decals can give your room a needed lift

Decor trend. An easy, affordable and temporary way to transform a room

During a recent home remodel, Diane Wright decided the stairway leading to her garage needed some perking up.

So she went online and found a wall decal — roosting love birds on a branch.

"I love them. It adds some individuality," said Wright, who also has used decals in other parts of her home on Kiawah Island, S.C.

Wall decals have taken off as an easy, affordable and temporary way to transform a room, said interior designer Darla Blake of Unique & Chic Interiors in Irvine, Calif. The flexible vinyl decals come in dozens of colours and hundreds of designs, everything from animals and music notes to funky patterns and religious symbols. There are words and sayings. And some companies make custom decals.

The decals make it easy to personalize a room, which is popular right now, she said. "You can easily find something to reference your personality, your job or your lifestyle," she said.

Wright has used decals as an inexpensive border in a bedroom and above photos.

"It's certainly a whole lot less than hiring a painter," she said.

Price varies by size, but a decal around 25 inches by 50 inches would usually be less

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"Having a tree in your bathroom, or a park bench and bicycle on a wall behind a sofa, or a bridge going to nowhere brings a smile to everyone who enters the room,"

interior designer Darla Blake of Unique & Chic Interiors

than \$100.

Barbara Irvine of Syracuse, N.Y., chose a verse from one her favourite hymns to decorate the space above her kitchen sink. The words, "Come ye thankful people, come," prompt her to count her blessings, she said.

She installed them herself by slowly rubbing them off their paper backing with a tool similar to a tongue depressor.

"They come with very good instructions," said Irvine, who ordered the custom phrase from Wall Words in Santa Ana, Calif. "It's fairly easy. You do want to get them level."

The words are designed to easily go on and off, said Carol Caldwell, owner of Wall Words. She advises using painter's tape to attach the paper backing to the wall before firmly rubbing the decal onto the wall.

Easy removal makes decals especially attractive to renters, students in dorms and parents decorating nurseries, said Jordan Guide, chief executive and founder of Walltats.com. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Kids on Swings decal, a popular choice for parents decorating nurseries. Parents like the flexibility of wall decals that can be easily changed as kids grow. WALLTAT.COM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Branches and Blossoms wall decal. The decals are growing in popularity because they can easily be installed and removed without damaging walls or paint. WALLTAT.COM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



A 3D wall decal on a wall in a drawing room. WALLTAT.COM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Love Birds wall decal in the stairway of Diane Wright's home. Wright painted the dark and dreary dry walls bright green with a black trim and added the Love Birds decal to liven the largest wall seen as you enter or leave the house. WALL WORDS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/DIANE WRIGHT

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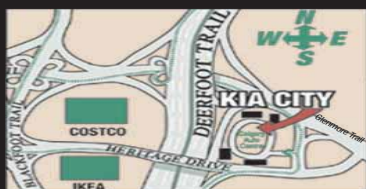
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At home. Better air quality, a cleaner home and lower energy costs a few possible benefits

John Santos of Los Angeles wants his home to be a healthy gathering place for family and friends, some of whom are recovering from major illness. As part of his effort, he recently had his home's ductwork professionally cleaned.

"I wanted to make certain the air that they were breathing was as clean as it possibly could be," says Santos, 54, a high school technology teacher. "Especially living in a city like Los Angeles, where the air quality can really be poor and cleaning the air systems can provide value."

Although many homeowners consider duct cleaning a way to make their indoor air cleaner, research on whether it can really create a healthier home is in the early stages.

The Environmental Protection Agency recommends looking into duct cleaning



A technician using a brush to clean ductwork. NADCA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

after fires, floods, pest infestations and in hazardous waste situations, or if you can see particles coming out of your ducts. Otherwise, the agency says it's not necessary for the average household.

Tom Keys, president of Atlantic Duct Cleaning in Sterling, Va., says his company has done more than 80,000

duct-cleaning jobs, and that many customers report back that they have better air quality, a cleaner home and lower energy costs. Customers often are surprised at how much debris collected in their ductwork over the years, he says.

"Most of the people who do it, do it for peace of mind," Keys says. His company has

found all sorts of items in ductwork beyond dirt and grime, including class rings, rare baseball cards and construction debris from when the home was built.

Jodi Araujo, executive director of the National Air Duct Cleaners Association, says homeowners can tell when ducts are dirty by simply re-

moving a register cover, inserting a camera and clicking a photo.

On the other hand, John DeSilvia, a contractor and host of DIY Network's *Rescue My Renovation*, doesn't generally recommend duct cleaning to homeowners. It's normal for dirt to accumulate and stick to the sides of air ducts, he says, adding that the exception is if there's visible mould growth.

If you do have ductwork cleaned, he advises getting a few estimates and ensuring that the service you hire uses high-powered equipment to capture what they dislodge. Otherwise, the effort could backfire.

"Any dust and dirt not collected will be distributed throughout your home, causing a bigger problem," DeSilvia says.

If you decide to get your home's ductwork cleaned, expect to pay between \$400 and \$800 if there's one HVAC (heating, ventilation and air conditioning) system. If you have more than one zone, you could pay more. That's because duct cleaners don't

just clean the ducts, they also clean the furnace and air handler for each unit, which could extend the life of your appliances.

DeSilvia says homeowners can do a lot on their own to improve their HVAC efficiency by cleaning dirty coils, fans and registers, ensuring drain pans are emptying properly, and changing air filters at least three times a year. He also recommends a yearly professional tune up.

"Think about your heating and cooling system like you do your car," he says. "You maintain your car at least once a year."

Ductwork is usually in the basement or attic, so homeowners who decide to call in the cleaners need to move any furniture or other obstacles to create access, Keys said. You don't have to leave home during cleaning because the dust and debris should be going directly into containment systems. Sterilization chemicals generally aren't needed unless you have an unusual situation such as mould or sewage backup.

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Whether your garage is slightly disheveled or looks more like a storage unit, the changeover to fall is an ideal time to give your parking pad a much-needed tune-up. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/THE CONTAINER STORE

Untapped treasures.

Handy household items are probably buried in your garage somewhere, so clean it up and avoid re-buying items and tripping on that sharp chainsaw

For many families, the end of summer means it's time to put away the inflatable kiddie pools, camping equipment and gardening tools for the season.

If you plan to shove this gear into arbitrary piles around the edge of the garage, you're not alone. But a messy garage is not just unsightly, it can cost you money.

People with cluttered garages tend to waste time searching for misplaced items and end up re-buying things they already own, says Erica Ecker, a professional organizer in New York City. They also risk injury. Garages often hold hedge trimmers, toxic chemicals and other dangerous items alongside children's scooters and bikes.

An overstuffed garage puts your vehicles at risk, too. When the car door can't swing open without hitting a wheelbarrow or workbench, it gets dented and dinged.

Monica Ricci, a professional organizer who makes appearances on the HGTV show *Mission: Organization*, says that in many homes, garages are so filled with clutter they stop serving their main purpose.

Whether your garage is slightly disheveled or looks more like an overstuffed storage unit, now is an ideal time to give it a tune-up:

Prepare

Tackling a junk-filled garage is physically demanding. Ecker advises pacing yourself and setting a schedule in advance. Consider renting an outdoor storage container so your belongings aren't sitting in the driveway or in the house for a month while you finish reorganizing the garage.

Enlist help. If you can't afford a professional organizer, recruit relatives or offer to swap labour with a friend who is planning a similar household project.

An assistant can help you move heavy objects, keep you motivated and ask objective questions ("Do you really use that?"), says Ellen Kutner, who runs the company *Simply Organized* in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

Empty and sort

Empty the contents of the garage out into the driveway and begin sorting it into piles, grouping like things together. Categories will vary by household, but you may start with Sporting Equipment, Tools, Hardware, Car Care, Lawn Care, Seasonal, Toys and Household Goods.

Purge

The next step — paring down your stuff — is the most important. First, toss anything broken or expired. Return borrowed items to their owners. If you own multiples of something, donate the duplicates or sell them. Analyze how often things get used. "Too often the garage can be like a time capsule," Ricci says. Are you storing camping equipment from when your college-age kids were Cub Scouts? Time to get rid of it.

Spruce up the space

While the garage is bare, give it a thorough cleaning. Kristin Long, who owns the company *The Organizational Specialists*, recommends adding durable floor tiles or a fresh coat of paint. Making the garage more visually appealing will inspire you to keep it tidy.

Build upward

Look at what's left and figure out where it will live in the garage, placing the most frequently used stuff in the most accessible locations. Install shelving to add vertical storage and get things off the floor. Clear bins are best so you can see what's inside. Ecker recommends the ELFA system sold by *The Container Store*, saying it's easy to install and adjust. If you're feeling less ambitious, the snap-together plastic shelves sold at any big-box store work fine.

Label everything

Label containers using a Sharpie or other permanent method. Be sure to label the container, not the shelf, so when bins get moved, items are still put in the correct place, Long says.

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"Pets enrich our lives and bring happiness to our homes, but careful preparation is necessary for such a commitment," says Steve Gray, a broker with Royal LePage Kelowna in B.C. "You can make the process easier with a few helpful tips." Gray recommends the following:

Consider a crate for your pet

Most pets do not come trained and they certainly don't know what's safe to chew.

By crating your pet when you are away, you ensure that your possessions are left intact and your pet's safety is put first.

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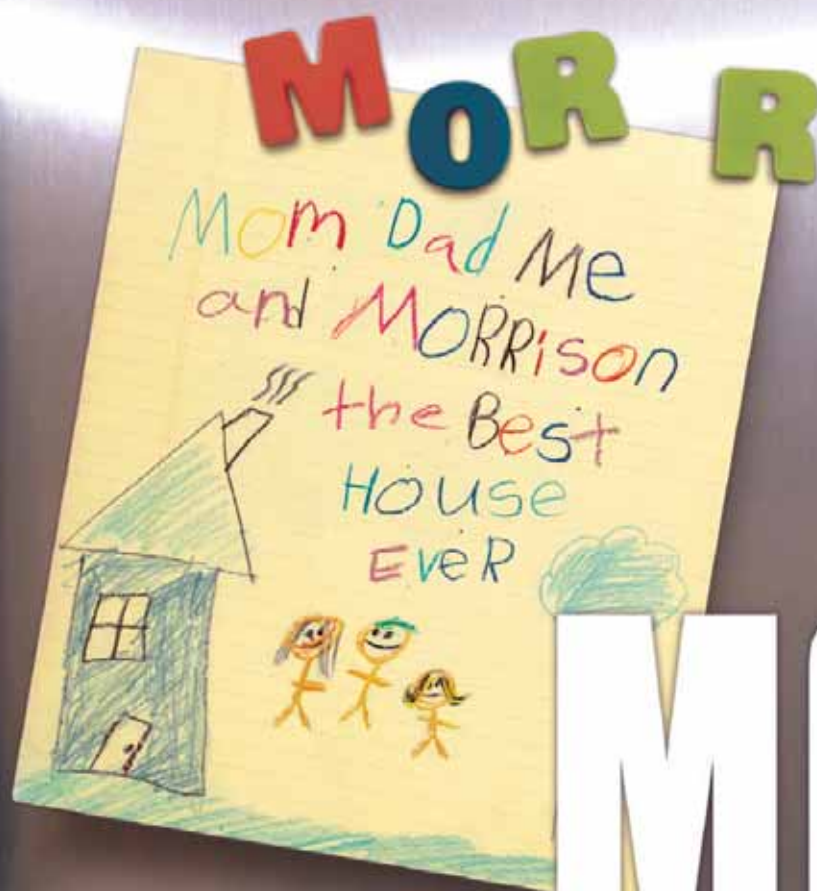
Contact your veterinarian for a list of these products and secure your cabinets with child-proof locks. Keep your trash can tightly lidded.

Make sure your heating and air vents have adequate covers

If you are bringing home a "pocket pet," such as a hamster or guinea pig, you may be surprised at the tiny areas your new friend can squeeze into.

By placing closely-grated covers on your vents, you ensure the safety of your pet. You also prevent fur and hair from clogging your air ducts and decreasing your home's overall efficiency. These tips can make the transition much less complicated.

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Don't have the luxury of a foyer or mudroom? We found some essentials to help fake one.

TINA CHADHA

Metro World News in New York City



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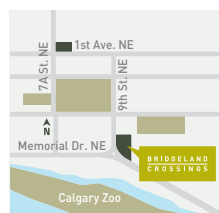
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Maximize seating without sacrificing style

Get creative. Throwing a party? Designers offer tips to accommodate all of your guests

The joy of home entertaining often comes with a challenge. How do you provide enough seating for a roomful of revelers with just a sofa and a few chairs? Are there creative options besides resorting to folding chairs?

Los Angeles-based interior designer Betsy Burnham frequently hears from clients who want help solving this puzzle.

"People are doing more home entertaining than ever," Burnham says, so they want to design their living space to accommodate guests easily. For those without huge rooms, that can be challenging. Here, Burnham and designers Brian Patrick Flynn and Kyle Schuneman offer advice on maximizing seating without sacrificing style.

Stealth seating

"I'm a big fan of vintage ottomans, stools and sturdy side

tables like stumps for this exact purpose," says Schuneman, author of *The First Apartment Book: Cool Design for Small Spaces* (Clarkson Potter, 2012). These pieces can work as tables or storage surfaces, he says, then occasionally serve "as extra seating for game nights or casual gatherings around the coffee table."

Benches can work the same way. Schuneman suggests buying two benches that co-ordinate nicely with the decor of your living room, and then placing them at the foot of beds in your home. When extra seating is needed, "you can easily pull them out for the holidays and bigger dinners," he says. "And you have a cohesive looking space, as opposed to a bunch of stuff you just pulled from around the garage."

Flynn, founder and editor of *decordemon.com*, uses ottomans in a similar way. "What I often do is use an upholstered or hardy wood storage ottoman on casters instead of a coffee table in the sofa area," he says. "Inside the storage ottoman, I keep floor cushions. When it's time for guests, the ottoman can be wheeled just about any-



A living room in a townhouse in Santa Monica, Calif. The cowhide ottoman functions normally as a coffee table but for parties the tray is removed for extra seating. KYLE SCHUNEMAN, JOE SCHMELZER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

where as extra seating, and the floor cushions allow guests to lounge."

Chairs from elsewhere

Flynn often uses a mixture of different chairs and benches at

a dining room table year-round, rather than a matching set. The look is stylish, and when chairs need to be brought into a living room for a party, they don't necessarily look like they're been taken from the dining

room set. The mix can include "a three-seater bench, squatty stools, armless chairs, six chairs and a pair of wingbacks at each end," he says.

Another option he suggests: "Bring in your outdoor seating and deliberately mix it in with the indoor pieces. The juxtaposition can be nice, plus you can co-ordinate them with similar coloured cushions or accessories."

Burnham does something similar with seating from game tables. A poker table with four chairs can be a great way to fill one corner of a room, she says, and those four chairs can be placed elsewhere in the room during a larger party.

The right sofa

Pay attention to size and depth when choosing a sofa, Burnham says.

"A standard-size sofa is seven feet. If you have three seat cushions, people sit in a pristine way in their cushion," she says, and you'll be limited to a maximum of three guests on your sofa. She prefers "sofas that have bench seams, so that it's one big seat," making it more likely that four guests

might use the space.

Longer sofas offer additional seating, but Flynn says they're best used in what he calls a "floating space plan," where two identical long sofas are placed across from one another in the centre of a room, rather than having one sofa against a wall. They need to be "balanced with an extra-long coffee table," he says.

Sofas with deep cushions are another option, but Flynn points out that "extra-deep sofas are very tricky. They are insanely comfortable, but can be a space planning disaster. I only use them in super large or grand living rooms. ... You've got to ensure the tables and chairs which surround it have the same visual weight."

If you have extra space after choosing your sofa, Burnham suggests focusing on adding chairs to your living room rather than a loveseat. Although loveseats seem to offer more seating than chairs, they are often occupied by just one person. "A loveseat's a tough one," she says, "because I don't think people want to be super physically close" at parties.

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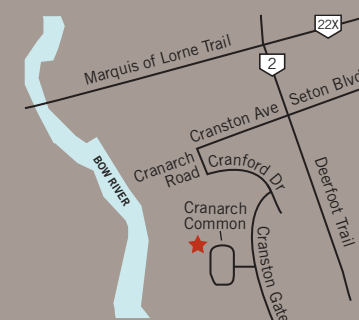
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This "Fried" Guinness Battered Oysters with Mustard Pickle Sauce recipe serves four. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fried oyster flavour without deep frying

1. In bowl, whisk 1/2 cup of the Guinness, 1/2 cup flour and 1/4 teaspoon salt. The batter should have the consistency of a thick pancake batter. If it is thicker than that, add additional beer. Let the batter rest for 30 minutes.

2. In small bowl, whisk mayo, yogurt, cornichons or pickle and mustard. Season with salt and pepper

3. In another small bowl, toss together the carrots, cabbage, vinegar, sugar and a hefty pinch of salt.

4. In nonstick skillet over medium, heat the oil. Dip the oysters in the additional flour to coat them on all sides. Transfer the coated oyster to a strainer to shake gently to remove excess flour.

5. Add coated oysters to the beer batter. Lift them from the batter, letting the excess batter drip off, then add them to the skillet. Cook until they are golden, about 2 minutes per side, then transfer them to paper towels to drain.

6. To serve, put oysters in reserved shells, then top each with a bit of the mustard sauce and some of carrot

mix. Serve either on platter as hors d'oeuvres, or divide between 4 serving plates. Serve. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ SARA MOULTON** AUTHOR OF **SARA MOULTON'S EVERYDAY FAMILY DINNERS**

Ingredients

- 1/2 to 3/4 cup Guinness Stout
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour, plus extra for dusting the oysters
- Kosher salt
- 2 tbsp low-fat mayonnaise
- 2 tbsp plain Greek yogurt
- 1 1/2 tbsp finely chopped cornichons or dill pickle
- 1/2 tsp mustard
- ground black pepper
- 3/4 cup coarsely shredded carrots
- 3/4 cup finely shredded cabbage
- 1 1/2 tbsp cider vinegar
- Hefty pinch sugar
- 1 tbsp vegetable oil
- 12 oysters, shucked, reserving the bottom (curvier) shell to serve

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1. Spray one side of your tin foil piece with non-stick cooking spray (tin foil should be large enough to hold and fold over your salmon fillet).

2. Place lemon rounds in middle of tin foil in a rectangle. Place salmon on top of lemons and brush with olive oil. Top with dill and green beans and lightly salt to taste.

3. Fold tin foil into a foil package so that there are no seams, as you want to make sure there is no way for the steam to escape.

4. Bake on baking sheet in preheated 300 F oven for 25 minutes. Carefully place foil packs onto plates and open to let the steam escape.

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Ingredients

- Non-stick cooking spray
- 1/2 lemon, sliced into 4-6 rounds depending on size
- 1 salmon fillet (approx. 4-6 oz) (skin on or off)
- Drop of olive oil
- 2 sprigs fresh dill
- Handful of green beans, washed and ends sliced off
- Coarse salt to taste

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Coffee and chocolate go so well with this creamy cheese batter.

You can double this recipe: Bake it in a 10-inch pan and add another 10 minutes to the baking time, baking until the center is still loose.

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 cups chocolate wafer crumbs
- 2 tbsp water
- 2 tbsp sugar
- 1 tbsp vegetable oil
- 1 2/3 cups smooth light ricotta
- 1/3 cup softened light cream cheese
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1 egg
- 1/3 cup light sour cream or 2% yogurt
- 1 1/2 tbsp all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp pure vanilla extract
- 2 tsp instant coffee granules
- 2 tsp hot water
- 3 tbsp semi-soft chocolate chips
- 1 tsp vegetable oil

1. Spray an 8-inch springform pan with cooking oil. Preheat the oven to 350 F.

2. For the crust, combine the crumbs, sugar, water and oil. Mix thoroughly. Press into the bottom and up the sides of the prepared springform pan.

3. For the filling, beat the ricotta, cream cheese, sugar, egg, sour cream, flour and vanilla in a large bowl or food

processor until well blended. Dissolve the coffee granules in the hot water. Add to the batter and mix until incorporated. Pour the batter over the crust and smooth the top.

4. Place the chocolate chips and oil in a small bowl and microwave on medium high for 30 seconds or just until soft. Drizzle the melted chocolate over the top of the batter. Draw a knife or spatula through the batter several times to create a marbled effect.

5. Bake for 35 to 40 minutes. The centre will be slightly loose when you jiggle the cake.

6. Cool on a rack. Refrigerate for at least 2 hours before removing the sides of the pan and serving.

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Springtime pound cake

How do you make pound cake even more buttery and delicious? Easy! Pan-sear slices of it with butter and sugar.

If you know how to make a grilled cheese, you can make this dessert, which is a perfect ending to an Easter — or any springtime — dinner.

Pan-seared pound cake is decadent and rich, so we've paired it with a fresh, minty fruit salad for balance.

1. In bowl, combine 1 tablespoon of the sugar with orange, blueberries, raspberries, strawberries, lemon juice and mint. Stir gently, then set aside.

2. Spread both sides of each slice of the pound cake with a bit of the butter, lightly coating the surface. Use the remaining tablespoon of sugar to sprinkle over both sides of each slice.

3. Heat a large nonstick skil-

Ingredients

- 2 tbsp sugar, divided
- 3 navel oranges, peeled and segmented
- 1 cup blueberries
- 1 cup raspberries
- 1 cup quartered strawberries
- 1 tbsp lemon juice
- 1 tbsp chopped fresh mint
- 8 thick slices purchased or homemade pound cake
- 2 tbsp unsalted butter, softened

let over medium. Working in batches, toast the cake slices for 3 to 4 minutes per side, or until

golden and caramelized. Serve warm and topped with the fruit salad. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



This recipe serves eight. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Bulls on parade after ending Heat's 27-game win streak

NBA. LeBron and Co. fail to rally for another comeback victory

The Miami Heat's 27-game winning streak was snapped Wednesday night by the Chicago Bulls, 101-97, when a furious comeback by LeBron James and his teammates fell short.

The Heat finished six games short of the record held by the 1971-72 Los Angeles Lakers.

Luol Deng scored 28 points, Carlos Boozer added 21 points and 17 rebounds, and the Bulls brought the Heat's pursuit of the record to a screeching halt despite another big game from James.

Miami's superstar did all he could to keep the run going, scoring 32 points in a physical final few minutes that saw the MVP collect a flagrant foul.

The Heat hadn't lost since the Pacers beat them in Indianapolis on Feb. 1. But after grinding out some close wins lately, including a rally from 27 down in Cleveland, they simply came

up short down the stretch in this one.

For the better part of two months, they were the NBA's comeback kings. They erased seven double-digit deficits during the streak. They found themselves trailing in the fourth quarter 11 times, and won them all.

Not Wednesday.

And when they walked off the floor in Chicago, they were not happy. Faces were stoic as the Heat trudged toward the locker-room. James turned and glared at one fan who grabbed at his head. Meanwhile, the Bulls whooped and slapped hands with anyone they could reach, with some acknowledging that being the team that snapped the streak meant plenty. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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"This team has a bigger goal than winning a number of consecutive games in a row."

Miami Heat forward LeBron James



Miami Heat guards Norris Cole, left, and Dwyane Wade scramble for a loose ball against Bulls guard Nate Robinson in Chicago on Wednesday. The Bulls ended the Heat's 27-game winning streak. NAM Y. HUIH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Habs storm back to beat Bruins



Bruin Brad Marchand checks P.K. Subban of the Canadiens on Wednesday. GETTY IMAGES

Andrei Markov tied it with 8.2 seconds left in regulation, and Brendan Gallagher scored the only shootout goal to give the Montreal Canadiens a 6-5 victory over the Boston Bruins on Wednesday night.

The victory snapped a tie for the second-most points in the Eastern Conference, giving the Canadiens 47. They lead

the Northeast Division by a point over the Bruins.

In the shootout, all six Bruins players were stopped. The first five Canadiens couldn't score, either. Then Gallagher put the puck between Tuukka Rask's pads.

It capped a comeback after Boston had taken a 5-3 lead on Tyler Seguin's 11th goal

of the season at 11:50 of the third period. Gallagher scored 28 seconds later, then Markov tied it on a power play.

With Aaron Johnson in the penalty box for delay of game, Markov's shot from the left point appeared to go in off the stick of Boston's Zdeno Chara. Gallagher, also in front, initially was credited with the

goal before an official scoring change gave it to Markov, his sixth.

Montreal's comeback ruined the Bruins rally from a 2-0 deficit.

Carey Price surrendered four goals in a span of just over 14 minutes. He was replaced by Peter Budaj to start the third period. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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MMA. UFC neutral on GSP weigh-in controversy

The UFC is playing the role of Switzerland when it comes to Nick Diaz's allegations of improprieties surrounding the UFC 158 weigh-in and drug testing.

The California welterweight lost a five-round decision to champion Georges St-Pierre on March 16 at Montreal's Bell Centre. He has since complained that the Quebec athletic commission (Regie des Alcools des Courses et des Jeux) mishandled its weigh-in and drug testing responsibilities.

And Diaz has asked for a re-

match or for St-Pierre to "vacate the belt in favour of those prepared to fight at welterweight."

The UFC offered a generic statement in response.

"We adhere to the policies set forth by respective athletic commissions worldwide," the statement read.

UFC vice-president Michael Mersch passed on the news to the Diaz camp that the Quebec commission does not take fractions into account, so St-Pierre's 170.9 pounds would be considered 170.

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Nick Diaz spars for the cameras at a press conference for UFC 158 in January.
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Comfort for Romero

Ricky Romero, the Blue Jays' fallen ace who was demoted to the minors on Tuesday, isn't the first prominent Jays player expelled from the big-league club in order to right himself.

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Carlos Delgado

When: 1994 and 1995

Why: Delgado was the victim of the Jays' failed attempts to convert him into a left-fielder. Despite hitting eight home runs in April in '94, Delgado was still sent down after a rough May. He struggled in '95, hitting just .154 over a smattering of at-bats, was sent down again and returned as a September call-up, this time as a first baseman and designated hitter.

Delgado returned in '96 strictly at first base and DH and went on to become arguably the Jays' greatest offensive player in franchise history.

Edwin Encarnacion

When: June 2010

Why: Encarnacion, then derided as "E5" for his fumbling defensive play at third base, was hitting just .200 after the first 37 games in 2010. He cleared waivers and was sent to Triple-A Las Vegas.

After just two weeks in Vegas, Encarnacion returned to the Jays and performed solidly in the second half of the season. But it wasn't until midway through 2011, when he was moved off of third base and started seeing the results of his

more compact swing, that he reached his true potential. Last season he was the Jays' most consistent offensive threat.



Adam Lind

When: May 2012

Why: Lind's troubles began in the second half of 2011, when he hit just .197 after the all-star break. His slump continued into 2012, when he hit .186 through the first six weeks of the season before he was optioned to Triple-A Las Vegas.

The early returns have been positive since Lind returned from Vegas midway through last season. He hit .296 once he was called back to the Jays, though he continued to struggle against left-handed pitching. He's had a strong spring as well, hitting .358 with a pair of homers.

Roy Halladay

When: Spring training 2001

Why: Although he already had 231 big-league innings under his belt, Halladay appeared lost in 2000, posting a 10.64 ERA in 16 starts — the worst ever by a pitcher with at least 50 innings. The next season, the Jays decided he needed to reinvent himself in order to salvage his career. Like Romero, Halladay was optioned to Class-A Dunedin, where he adjusted his arm angle and release point, which created greater deception and added movement to his fastball.

Halladay returned for the second half of 2001 and posted a 3.16 ERA. He won the Cy Young two seasons later.



MLB. Happ earns spot in rotation with strong spring

Toronto Blue Jays manager John Gibbons maintained all along that left-hander J.A. Happ belonged on the team. Now it's official.

The demotion of left-hander Ricky Romero on Tuesday put Happ in the Blue Jays starting rotation as fifth

starter.

Happ had a good spring training, while Romero did not. Regardless, Gibbons felt Happ deserved a role with the Blue Jays despite the early plan to have him open the season in the starting rotation at triple-A Buffalo.

"No doubt, even if he had a bad spring he deserved to be on the team," Gibbons said Wednesday before the Blue Jays defeated the Tampa Bay Rays 6-1. "He's a proven big-league pitcher."

"That's definitely good to hear from a guy who knows

baseball." Happ said after allowing one run in 4 2/3 innings. "That's a great compliment. That's a lot of what I was trying to get across to them before coming into camp and then trying to do as well as I could here to help the case."

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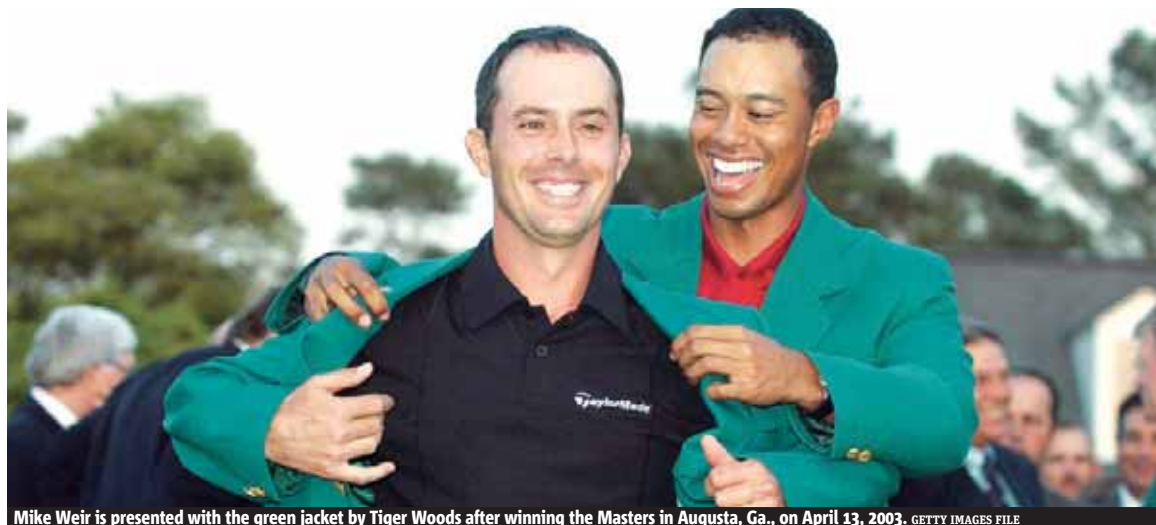
10 years later. Former champion relives victory

When Mike Weir made his acceptance speech after winning the 2003 Masters, he said he hoped that his victory would inspire some young Canadian golfers.

It certainly did.

It's impossible to know just how many Canadian kids picked up a golf club after watching Weir beat Len Mattiace in a playoff that day at Augusta National. But the impact of Weir's performance is already visible on the PGA Tour.

Weir said he thought it was "pretty cool" to hear that Canadian player Graham DeLaet didn't have plans to become a professional golfer until he watched that Masters victory. He added he's very proud of the fact that his win may have influenced the next generation



Mike Weir is presented with the green jacket by Tiger Woods after winning the Masters in Augusta, Ga., on April 13, 2003. GETTY IMAGES FILE

of young golfers in this country.

"If that did inspire Graham and some of the other guys, that's wonderful," Weir said.

"That makes it worth it."

Weir, from Bright's Grove, Ont., became the first Canadian-born men's player to win

a major and the first left-hander to win the Masters. He weighed in on the accomplishment Wednesday as the 10th anniversary

of his victory approaches.

The 42-year-old southpaw, who now lives in Utah, said the memories came rushing

back during a recent visit to the famous course.

"Going back there a couple weeks ago, I kind of relived some of the shots maybe a little more than I normally would," he said.

One of the more memorable shots on that final Sunday came on the 18th green. Weir hit a clutch eight-foot putt and went on to win the playoff.

"It was a big moment so to be able to step up there and do that, I was proud to be able to do that," Weir said.

Weir is nursing a rib injury but still plans to be in the field at Augusta for the April 11-14 tournament.

"Maybe I'll get down there a little early and maybe this rest will do me some good because I have been spending a lot of time practising," he said. "I've put in a tremendous amount of work.... Maybe this little break here will be good."

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| Houston | 39 | 32 | .549 | 15 |
| L.A. Lakers | 37 | 35 | .514 | 17 ^{1/2} |
| Utah | 35 | 36 | .493 | 19 |
| Dallas | 35 | 36 | .493 | 19 |
| Portland | 33 | 37 | .471 | 20 ^{1/2} |
| Minnesota | 25 | 45 | .357 | 28 ^{1/2} |
| Sacramento | 25 | 46 | .352 | 29 |
| New Orleans | 25 | 47 | .347 | 29 ^{1/2} |
| Phoenix | 23 | 48 | .324 | 31 |

x — clinched playoff berth; y — clinched division.

Wednesday's results

Atlanta 107 Toronto 88
Boston 93 Cleveland 92
Charlotte 114 Orlando 108
Chicago 101 Miami 97
Indiana 100 Houston 91
L.A. Clippers 105 New Orleans 91
L.A. Lakers 120 Minnesota 117
New York 108 Memphis 101
Oklahoma City 103 Washington 80
Philadelphia 100 Milwaukee 92
San Antonio 100 Denver 99
Phoenix at Utah
Brooklyn at Portland
Sacramento at Golden State

Thursday's games — All Times Eastern

L.A. Lakers at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Indiana at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

| | GP | W | L | OL | GF | GA | Pt |
|--------------|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|----|
| Pittsburgh | 34 | 26 | 8 | 0 | 117 | 84 | 52 |
| New Jersey | 33 | 15 | 11 | 7 | 82 | 89 | 37 |
| NY Rangers | 32 | 16 | 13 | 3 | 78 | 78 | 35 |
| NY Islanders | 33 | 15 | 15 | 3 | 96 | 107 | 33 |
| Philadelphia | 32 | 13 | 17 | 2 | 84 | 99 | 28 |

NORTHEAST DIVISION

| | GP | W | L | OL | GF | GA | Pt |
|----------|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|----|
| Montreal | 33 | 21 | 7 | 5 | 104 | 83 | 47 |
| Boston | 32 | 21 | 7 | 4 | 94 | 72 | 46 |
| Ottawa | 33 | 18 | 9 | 6 | 86 | 72 | 42 |
| Toronto | 34 | 18 | 12 | 4 | 102 | 97 | 40 |
| Buffalo | 33 | 13 | 16 | 4 | 87 | 102 | 30 |

SOUTHEAST DIVISION

| | GP | W | L | OL | GF | GA | Pt |
|------------|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|----|
| Winnipeg | 34 | 18 | 14 | 2 | 88 | 99 | 38 |
| Carolina | 31 | 15 | 14 | 2 | 86 | 90 | 32 |
| Washington | 33 | 15 | 17 | 1 | 94 | 93 | 31 |
| Tampa Bay | 33 | 14 | 18 | 1 | 105 | 99 | 29 |
| Florida | 34 | 9 | 19 | 6 | 80 | 119 | 24 |

Wednesday's results

Montreal 6 Boston 5 (SO)
Phoenix at Minnesota
Colorado at Calgary
Anaheim at San Jose

Tuesday's results

Chicago 2 Calgary 0
Edmonton 3 St. Louis 0
NY Islanders 3 Washington 2
NY Rangers 5 Philadelphia 2
Pittsburgh 1 Montreal 0
Tampa Bay 2 Buffalo 1
Toronto 3 Florida 2
Vancouver 1 Columbus 0 (SO)
Winnipeg 4 Carolina 1
Thursday's games — All Times Eastern
Winnipeg at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Carolina at Toronto, 7 p.m.
NY Islanders at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
NY Rangers at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Buffalo at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Columbus at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.
Colorado at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Detroit at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL DIVISION

| | GP | W | L | OL | GF | GA | Pt |
|-----------|----|----|----|----|-----|----|----|
| Chicago | 32 | 25 | 4 | 3 | 108 | 71 | 53 |
| Detroit | 33 | 17 | 11 | 5 | 90 | 83 | 39 |
| St. Louis | 32 | 17 | 13 | 2 | 92 | 89 | 36 |
| Nashville | 33 | 14 | 13 | 6 | 83 | 88 | 34 |
| Columbus | 33 | 13 | 13 | 7 | 75 | 86 | 33 |

NORTHWEST DIVISION

| | GP | W | L | OL | GF | GA | Pt |
|-----------|----|----|----|----|----|-----|----|
| Vancouver | 33 | 18 | 9 | 6 | 88 | 85 | 42 |
| Minnesota | 31 | 19 | 10 | 2 | 86 | 75 | 40 |
| Edmonton | 32 | 12 | 13 | 7 | 77 | 91 | 31 |
| Calgary | 31 | 12 | 15 | 4 | 85 | 105 | 28 |
| Colorado | 31 | 11 | 16 | 4 | 79 | 100 | 26 |

PACIFIC DIVISION

| | GP | W | L | OL | GF | GA | Pt |
|-------------|----|----|----|----|-----|----|----|
| Anaheim | 32 | 22 | 6 | 4 | 104 | 83 | 48 |
| Los Angeles | 32 | 18 | 12 | 2 | 93 | 80 | 38 |
| San Jose | 31 | 14 | 11 | 6 | 76 | 82 | 34 |
| Dallas | 32 | 15 | 14 | 3 | 87 | 97 | 33 |
| Phoenix | 32 | 13 | 15 | 4 | 82 | 90 | 30 |

Friday's games

New Jersey at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Columbus at Calgary, 9 p.m.

SCORING LEADERS

| | G | A | Pt |
|----------------|----|----|----|
| Crosby, Pgh | 15 | 39 | 54 |
| Stamkos, TB | 23 | 20 | 43 |
| Kunitz, Pgh | 19 | 23 | 42 |
| St-Louis, TB | 8 | 34 | 42 |
| Kane, Chi | 17 | 24 | 41 |
| Getzlaf, Ana | 12 | 25 | 37 |
| Tavares, NYI | 20 | 15 | 35 |
| Staal, Car | 14 | 21 | 35 |
| Kadri, Tor | 14 | 21 | 35 |
| Ribeiro, Wash | 11 | 24 | 35 |
| Datsyuk, Det | 11 | 24 | 35 |
| Voracek, Pha | 14 | 20 | 34 |
| Moulson, NYI | 11 | 23 | 34 |
| Vanek, Buf | 16 | 17 | 33 |
| Toews, Chi | 16 | 16 | 32 |
| Ovechkin, Wash | 16 | 16 | 32 |
| Ladd, Wpg | 14 | 18 | 32 |
| Duchene, Col | 12 | 20 | 32 |
| Kessel, Tor | 10 | 22 | 32 |

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Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20

Now that the effects of the full moon are starting to fade, you will soon be back to your best. The various parts of your personality will quickly come into perfect alignment.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

The impossible looks easy to you at the moment. Forget about being practical: Let your imagination guide you in new directions over the next few days. If you want to know your future, look to your fantasies.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

There is no need to feel guilty just because some people have not been as fortunate as you. There is no such thing as luck: It is all part of the grand design. You must have done something to deserve it.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

What do you want to achieve in life? What do you want to be remembered for? If you make the right moves and talk to the right people today, you can give your reputation, and your dreams, a major boost.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Life seems to be effortless at the moment. Everything seems to be falling into place. Cosmic activity in your fellow Fire sign of Aries suggests that your efforts will pay off in big ways — so get busy.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

What happened around the time of yesterday's full moon means there is no room left for denial. The time has come to face up to reality. What you think is a problem won't be a problem much longer.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

You can be a hit with important people today — if you project the right image. First impressions are important, so make sure what you do is in line with your long-term goals.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Even if you have done something that is worth shouting about, you should try to maintain a modest manner. Authority figures know what you are capable of and what you have accomplished.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

You have the courage and the confidence to do something out of the ordinary. But remember you are still human, you still have limits, even though your limits may be wider and higher than others'.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You may be determined to change your life but it seems not everyone agrees with the way you intend to do it. That does not matter. The only thing that counts is that you believe in yourself.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You have the ability to notice things that others tend to overlook and that ability will come in use today. If knowledge is power then you have more power than just about everyone.

Pisces

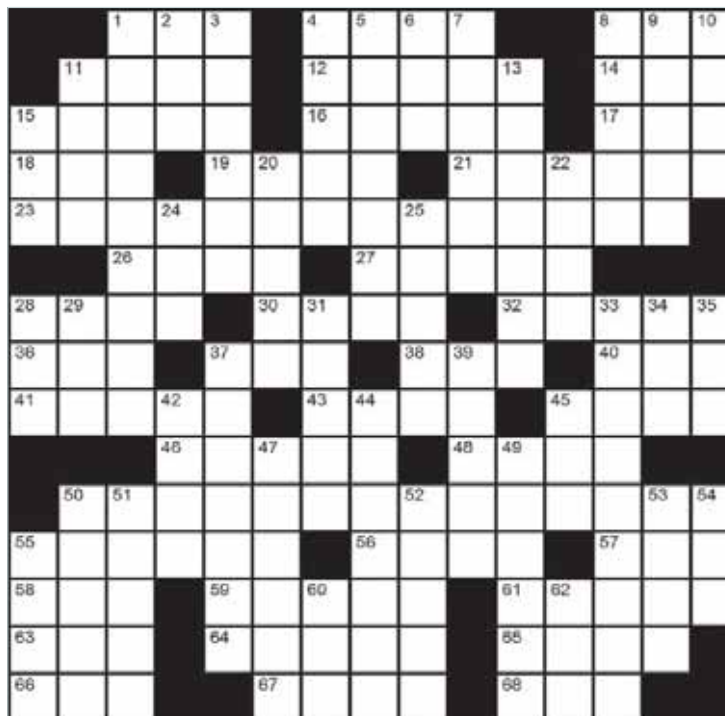
Feb. 20 - March 20

Your attitude to money seems to have changed a bit over the past few days. But you need to realize that although you may not care so much for the material world, you still have to live in it. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

1. Small film role, ___ part
4. Perry Mason's Canadian portrayer, Raymond ___
8. Gladiator's 1060
11. Music's Ms. Turner
12. Bitter-___ (Diehard)
14. Be out of sorts
15. Farmland
16. Outpouring
17. Gun the engine
18. "Lord, is ___?" (Last Supper question)
19. "Rebel Yell" singer Billy
21. From whom the new Pope takes his name, St. Francis of ___
23. Canada's government, ___ Monarchy
26. Leavin'
27. Category
28. Flow
30. "Egad!" sound interpretation
32. Mr. Savalas
36. Mauna ___ (Hawaiian volcano)
37. Ben, to Brian
38. ___ and outs
40. Battery size
41. ___ of the tongue
43. "Look, all done!"
45. Clouseau's li'l rank
46. ___ wage
48. 'D' of CD, variably
50. Hockey legend nicknamed 'The Rocket': 2 wds.
55. Preacher's podium
56. Emperor of Rome
57. GBS part (Canadian



band)

58. Entirely

59. Swap stock

61. "Of course!", in slang

63. ___ Chi

64. Two-___

65. Islands: French

66. 'Eug' ender (Mr. Levy)

67. Some fishies

68. Paramedic's skill,

commonly

Down

1. Speaks French and English

2. Percentage on a chg. card

3. South Pacific island

4. Stupefy

5. Puts away the electric

guitar, uses the acoustic

6. Nutritional suggested amount [acronym]

7. Keep back

8. "West Side Story"

(1961) role

9. Teenager in "The Sound of Music" (1965)

10. 46 in old Rome

11. The Jackson 5 mem-

ber

13. Luxury getaways

15. ___-Tac-Toe

20. Wild+dog of Australia

22. Snick-or-___

24. Chicago White ___

25. Lukewarm

28. Miami, ___

29. Rock's ___ Lonely Boys

31. Shenanigan

33. Bomber aircraft of the Allies in WWII, Avro ___

34. Elvis movie: "Viva ___ Vegas" (1964)

35. Mouth, slang-style

37. Ghosts

39. Low point

42. "It's my turn!": 2 wds.

44. Revised

45. Suffix meaning 'somewhat'

47. ___ acid

49. Like a widely-recog-

nized symbol

50. Disney flick of 1998 set in China

51. "Kate & ___" ('80s sitcom)

52. Marsh plants

53. Tapes a show, for short

54. Morse Code bit

55. Hors d'oeuvre spread

60. Shakespeare's Much ___ About Nothing

62. Matterhorn, for one

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku



Weather

TODAY



MAX: 11°
MIN: 0°

FRIDAY



MAX: 10°
MIN: 1°

SATURDAY



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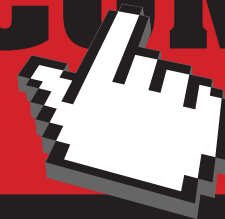
TAKE IT TO GOD IN PRAYER
Does the report say it is over? But, "who is he that saith, and it cometh to pass, when the Lord commandeth it not" (Lamentation 3:37). There is no situation that is too hard for God to handle. Turn to God in prayers and He will answer you.
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